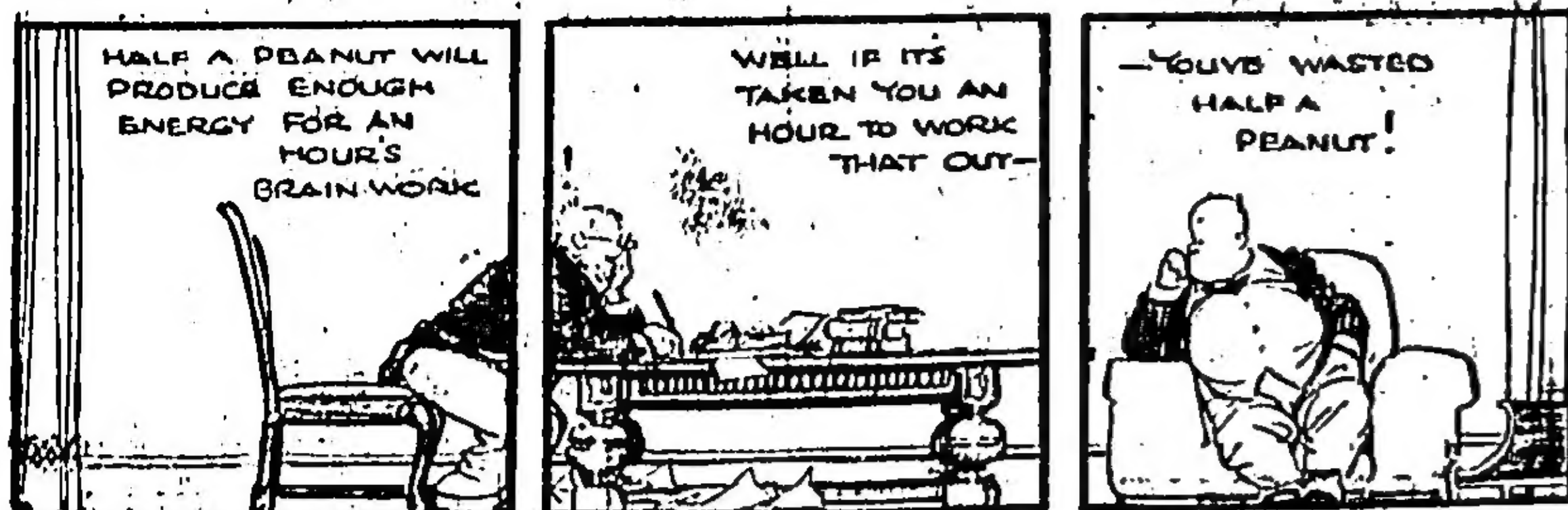


Today's forecast—Moderate E. wind
overcast with intermittent rain at 8 p.m.
improving to cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 74.4, dew: 74.1
Minimum: 59.0, dew: 54.6
Wind: variable 11-15 mph
Rainfall: this month 1.16 in. Total: 8.1
Jan. 1—67.4, maximum: 63.0 in. as against
an average of 112.9 mm. 67.75 in.

Readings at
10—10:45 4 p.m.
Baro. at sea: 1010.9 1012.5
Temp. 59.0 59.0
Wind, direction 10 10
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Wind, direction 10 10
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H.K.'S FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR ROADS

Drove A Hearse In A Hurry

In a plea of mitigation, Mr. Hin Shing Lo, representing Joseph Lee, 32, charged with driving a hearse without licence, told the Court at Central Magistracy yesterday that his client had an engagement at the Hong Kong Sanatorium and was in a urgent hurry.

The part-time driver did not turn up as scheduled at the pumping station. He was arrested while driving back. Mr. Lo asked for a lenient view.

When he first appeared before Mr. F. X. O'Connell last week, defendant pleaded not guilty. The Magistrate commented that defendant was driving without a licence, which he (Mr. Lo) admitted. He could not take less than a certain view on defendant had driven knowing that he had no licence.

OPIUM PEDDLER

Choi Ching (28), residing in an unnumbered hut at Third Street, went on board the "Hong Kong" on April 15 to peddle opium "sankos".

He was seen by a watchman and arrested. In his possession was a pot of opium (two mace), hidden in his pocket, and an opium pipe tucked under his armpit.

Before Mr. W. H. Lattimer when Choi appeared at Kowloon yesterday, defendant was fined \$25 on the first charge and cautioned on the second.

In addition to a Five-Year Plan for rehabilitating and building new houses, the Government has embarked on a Four-Year Programme of repairing all damaged roads in the Colony.

The Hon. Mr. V. Keniff, Director of Public Works, told the "Far Eastern Economic Review" during the week-end that \$2,000,000 have been earmarked for the first stage of the work.

The Colony had 293 miles of roads in service before the Pacific War. Of this, 132 miles were in Hong Kong and 161 miles in Kowloon and the New Territories.

Damaged Roads

As a result of the hostilities and the Japanese occupation, 76.5 per cent of the mileage were directly or indirectly damaged. Roads damaged directly totalled 55 miles—30 in Hong Kong and 25 on the mainland—while those indirectly damaged due to lack of maintenance amounted to 170 miles—80 on the island and 110 in Kowloon and the New Territories. The total length of roads damaged directly or indirectly was 225 miles.

Since liberation the Public Works Department has restored to pre-war condition 49 miles—25 in Hong Kong and 15 in Kowloon and the New Territories—of the damaged roads, and has constructed a four-mile new road from Clear Water Bay to Sai Kung.

The Public Works Department has already spent \$4,500,000 since re-occupation on repairing roads.

Personalia

Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung Province, is expected to arrive in the Colony today from Canton. The object of his visit is not known. Dr. Soong's last visit here was during the Easter holidays.

Among the passengers who left the Colony for Saigon yesterday by Air France were Messrs. Keridge, M. Chudeland, Ming Shun-sing, and Mr. and Mrs. Rangous and child.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. de Kantzow, Mr. F. H. Steward and Mr. W. J. Wood were among passengers leaving for Manila in Thursday's CPA plane.

REMANDED

Lau Tung (30), itinerant marine hawker, and Li San (42), unemployed, were remanded for three days in custody when they appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with the possession of a mortar shell at Kowloon. Lau, according to DSI Sykes, was arrested on the roof of 81 Nan Chang Street on April 13, and Li on the roof of 99 Kilang Street, early in the morning of April 14.

Insurance Co. Dividend

The General Agents and Consulting Committee of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., will make the following recommendations at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 14:—

1946 Account: To pay a dividend of \$12.00 per share absorbing \$800,000 and to transfer \$552,204 to the credit of Undivided Surplus Account.

1947 Account: To carry forward the balance of \$3,922,126 in respect of the year 1947.

The previous practice of declaring an Interim Dividend is abolished owing to the proposed introduction next year of Annual Accounts in place of Twenty four months Working.

COLONY'S NEW MAGISTRATE

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, Justice of the Peace, and well-known barrister-at-law, will sit as a Magistrate at Central Magistracy today.

Mr. Lo, who had been in continuous practice in the colony for the past 22 years, is Chairman of the Tenancy, Supreme Court, Mr. Lo, who was first chairman of the Hong Kong University Union, was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1922. After a sojourn of about nine years in the United Kingdom, he returned to Hong Kong in 1932, where he was admitted to the local Bar in March.

"Bad Characters" Sentenced

"A gang of potential robbers" who were "definitely bad characters who the Colony could very well do without," according to Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with conspiracy to commit an armed robbery at an unnumbered hut at Suiter Street on March 22.

Kwok Kwan-hoi (20), unemployed, and Yeung On (43), firewood cutter, who pleaded guilty to the charge as well as to the additional count of possession of arms at Hak Po Street on March 23, were sentenced to three years' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Li Hung (34), earth cooler, Yuen Kai (38), unemployed, and Yip On (40), unemployed, were sentenced to two years' hard labour and recommended to be reported.

Asked what they had to say, all defendants pleaded that they were the sole supporters of their respective mothers, wives and children, and pleaded for clemency.

First accused said that he had been in the Colony for only eight months; second for two months; third for four; a year; each; and the fifth that he came to Hong Kong two months ago with the intention of obtaining work as an earth cooler but was unable to make enough to keep his wife and two young children.

According to DSI Sykes, a Police party, led by himself, went to a house at Hak Po Street at 4 p.m. on March 22 where they saw the five accused. A revolver loaded with four rounds was found, wrapped in a grey handkerchief, in first defendant's pocket. The second accused had a dagger in his pocket, and the fifth defendant carried a grey handkerchief. The third man, said DSI Sykes, had a coil of wire of the kind that is usually used by robbers to tie their victims.

In the Mong Kok Police Station continued DSI Sykes, all defendants admitted that they conspired, on the previous night, to rob an adjoining hut at Suiter Street, Tai Kok Tsui.

Defendants brought the Police to the hut which they intended to rob, and the fifth defendant occupied said that she was awakened at midnight the previous night (March 22) by her dog barking.

Peeping through the holes at the back of her hut, the woman saw by the light of her torch, two men, masked with handkerchiefs, similar to those found on the first and fifth defendants.

Twenty-one passengers passed through the Colony yesterday en route by Air France from Shanghai to India, China, France, the Continent and New York. They included Messrs. R. T. Kingsbury, T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brown, H. Olsen, Mlle. J. E. Farish, Rev. P. G. Oostermeyer, Rev. F. J. J. Fow, and F. A. Vantair.

HSU EXTRADITION CASE Chief Auditor's Evidence

A Supervisory Committee of the Directorate-General in Nanking met in August, 1947, to discuss the matter of dealing with the irregular loans, but not charges against the fugitive, Mr. Fang Chien-piao, chief auditor of the Postal Remittances & Savings Bank of Shanghai, told the Court at Central Magistracy yesterday under cross-examination by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C., when extradition proceedings against Hsu Chi-chung, alias Chu Kai-chong, former director-general of the Bank, continued.

Fang, who was sent to Shanghai to investigate into certain irregular transactions in 1947, said he was not qualified to be a member of the Committee, but he was instructed specially to attend the meeting, when he submitted his report.

Witness produced documents in Chinese, which he identified as the decision of the Committee arrived at the conference.

Mr. A. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel) prosecuting, with the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C., Government and Chief Det. Inspector W. W. Williamson for the Police assisting, undertook to have the documents translated officially for the next hearing when its admissibility as an exhibit will be decided.

Under cross-examination by the Hon. Mr. d'Almada, who is instructed by Mr. Marcus da Silva, witness said he did not know about the resignation of the fugitive.

It was a general rule that the Directorate-General should attend meetings of the Directorate and the Office of the Directorate, but he did not know anything about the fugitive's activities.

He could not say that it was also part of the duty of the Directorate-General to attend meetings with the Communications Ministry officials, explaining that he was not in a position to tell.

As far as he knew, Fang declared, each branch paid its own staff. If any post office and postal bank wanted money it had to apply to the Directorate-General, which if short of money would direct the Shanghai Branch to appropriate the funds.

During the time of the fugitive, Fang stated, all salaries and bonuses were promptly paid.

He did not know anything about the Ba Chuen Bank. He was not near enough in Nanking to say whether it was substantial or not before its bankruptcy.

Cashier's Story

Defence Counsel said that in November, 1946, a government order was issued in connection with food bonds. Witness told him that he knew about it, but did not know the details of the circular of the value of the bonds appreciated in December that year.

Every important transaction, like the granting of loans, witness stated, must be approved by the Directorate-General. He was not in Shanghai or Nanking long enough to know exactly the procedure of obtaining approval. His knowledge was procured during the course of his 35-day probe into the Shanghai Branch in June, 1947.

Re-examined by Mr. Lonsdale, witness said that as an auditor of the Bank, he could not see the particular loan to Powell & Sons, he had not seen any other case of foreign exchange being pledged against loans, and that he had not seen any other documents indicating that the Central Bank had approved a loan of foreign exchange to Powell & Sons.

The prosecution then put into box Mr. Wu Chien-sun, chief of the Cashier Department, Shanghai Branch, who is assistant manager concurrently.

Wu, who had previously testified in the Shanghai District Court against eight fellow-officials charged with defrauding the Government-controlled Postal Bank, identified Exh. C as the receipt issued by him for the US\$200,000 worth of Victory bonds and US\$50,000 from Powell & Sons, on March 25, 1946.

Eight Feet High

Witness said he handled the bonds and money personally and after checking them put them in a "strong room." Wu told the Court that he received the bonds and money from the manager, Sam King.

On one occasion, witness recollected, he was sent for by the manager and instructed to select a note on the receipt on Dec. 28, 1946, cancelling it as directed by the manager.

Wu stated that he took the bundle to the office of the manager and asked him to check them. The bonds were in the US\$100 denomination and stood altogether about eight feet high (as demonstrated by the witness).

Wu declared that after the manager had checked a greater portion of the bonds, the fugitive entered the office and asked "Have you got the things ready?" The manager replied, Wu said: "It is nearly ready."

The manager stopped checking and told the fugitive: "About correct." He then wrapped them in a newspaper and handed the parcel to the fugitive.

Under cross-examination, Wu said he joined the Postal Bank in November, 1946, as assistant manager, and became cashier in December. He said he saw the two sub-managers, above him, and eight assistant managers.

He said he knew about 18 persons being indicted in the Shanghai case.

Reminders

Today

Hong Kong Oxford & Cambridge Society, annual dinner, Hong Kong Club, 7:45 p.m.
Kowloon Tong Club dinner dance, 8:30 p.m.
Opening Night of Art Floor Show, Cook & Pallet Restaurant, Duddell Street.
Dinner at Officers' Club, Queen's Road, Central.
Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Coming Events

Concert of the Hong Kong Chinese Music Society, 7:45 p.m., 19:00 p.m., 21:00 p.m., 23:00 p.m.
Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Tomorrow

Concert of the Hong Kong Chinese Music Society, 7:45 p.m., 19:00 p.m., 21:00 p.m., 23:00 p.m.
Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.



UNUSUAL CASE

Three Entries

Regarding the bonds, Wu stated it was the first occasion during his time that the Bank had accepted such valuable things. He said he had produced a lettered looking exercise book, in which three entries were made on one page. The first two concerned the US\$200,000 bonds and US\$50,000. The other was irrelevant to the case. Witness told the Court that he used that book officially also.

Recommended by Crown counsel, Wu said that normally currency and other similar things were kept in the strong room.

When his evidence was read back to him by Mr. F. X. O'Connell, witness said that he would add that when he took the bundle of bonds from the room as directed by the manager he was asked also to select the three bonds and replace them with unnumbered ones so as to make the number similar.

Next to enter the box was Lau Tak-ching, room boy of the Melbourne Hotel Apartments, Kimberley Road, Kowloon. Lau recognised the fugitive and a lady in court as those who stayed in the hotel in January. The man gave him name as Chin Tai-lin.

Lau said he had been booked by a man named Chan Kam-luk. At first the fugitive was given room 202, but after an hour he requested a room on the third floor on the ground that up there it would be more airy and bright.

The son, Lau said, stayed in a room on the ground floor near the entrance.

The fugitive seldom went out in the daytime. He took his meals in the room and not in the dining hall. He usually went out at night.

Defence counsel did not cross-examine this witness.

Examination was then adjourned to 11.30 a.m. on April 22.

ROTTEN FORM OF FRAUD

"I think it is a rotten form of fraud on the public," said Mr. Clifford at the Central Magistracy yesterday when two black market ticket sellers appeared before him on a charge of selling tickets above the correct price. They were each fined \$200 or one month's imprisonment.

Inspector Brownridge said that defendants, Au Ping, 19, had nine tickets in his possession and was selling them at \$1.50 when the correct price is \$1.20 each. Tam Kung, 28, had three tickets and was selling them at \$1 each instead of 70 cents. Both were arrested outside the Oriental Theatre.

Readers Letters

A Hint

Sir—Your correspondent Mr. Marsh does ill service to Mr. Woodhead by his letter. Simple Simon may well and fairly claim to have scored a hit when he sees the feathers fly. Comments on the similarity of his non-descript name to the mental processes which have appeared in the respective letters, exchanged in this interesting controversy, I venture to think that most of your readers would readily agree that the conclusion of Simple Simon are by no means to be dismissed as purely illogical vapourings, but on the contrary are deserving of serious and sympathetic consideration.

Mr. Woodhead's opinions also are not to be lightly regarded. He is too well known and respected in China to need any bouquets in the public press, but he is surely ungentlemanly and unfair to suggest that he hates China and the Chinese because he is, as becomes a good journalist and commentator, critical of what he considers the unbalanced views of Simple Simon.

The average citizen—indeed our citizens may generally be so described—would think better of the appropriate further discussion of these issues if personalities are avoided and courtesy extended equally to all who are sufficiently interested in the wellbeing of the Colony to express their views with freedom. There is much in Voltaire's observation "I do not want you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it."

Mr. Marsh's jibe at Simple Simon for not having the courage to append his signature implies that a correspondent's identity is more important than his opinions, whereas the contrary is usually the case.

A non-de-plume is not only general in its correspondence but preferable. I seldom sign my letters to the press but it has never occurred to me that there is anything sinister about a non-de-plume.

O. CHAMPKIN.

Sir—When I put a few straightforward questions to Mr. Woodhead, he considered the same to be important. I wonder how Mr. Woodhead regards the insinuations and accusations of the correspondent, Mr. Marsh, who wrote the letter which appeared in the "Times" of your paper.

There are many reasons why Mr. Marsh's letter should be written to the Press, and I should be glad to hear his reasons. I am sure that Mr. Marsh's letter is a very good example of the kind of letter which should be written to the Press.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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ERS will be held in the Board
Room of the Company, Room
No. 308, Queen's Building,
Hong Kong, on Tuesday the
27th April, 1948, at noon for
the following purposes:-

1. To receive and consider
the Statement of Accounts
and Balance Sheet and the
Report of the Directors
and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and
fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other or-
dinary business of the
Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY
GIVEN that the TRANSFER
BOOKS of the COMPANY
will be closed from the 16th
April 1948 to the 27th April
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong.

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The first of a series of

FLANNEL DANCES

will be held on Saturday,
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Notice To Shareholders
ADOPTION OF NEW
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Wednes-
day, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15
p.m., or at such time as the
Ordinary Annual Meeting of
Members to be held at the same
place at Noon shall terminate,
for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the
following Special Resolution:-

"That the New Articles of
Association produced to the
Meeting, and for the purpose
of identification subscribed
by David Fortune Landale,
Chairman of the Company
and of the Meeting, be
adopted as the Articles of
Association of the Company
in substitution for and to the
exclusion of all existing
Articles of Association of the
Company."

A copy of the Proposed New
Articles can be inspected by
any Shareholder at the Offices
of the Company during the
usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders
ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary
Annual Meeting of the Members
of the Company will be held at
the Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Wednes-
day, 28th April, 1948, at Noon,
to receive and consider the
Report of the Board of Direc-
tors and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER
BOOKS

Notice is also given that the
Register of Members and
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from 15th April,
1948, to 28th April, 1948, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
C. E. Terry,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Thirty-fourth Ordinary
General Meeting of Sharehold-
ers in the abovementioned Com-
pany will be held at 601/608
Marina House, Hongkong, on
Thursday, 6th May, 1948, at
12.15 p.m. for the following
purposes.

To receive and consider the
Directors' Report and Statement
of Accounts for the year ended
30th September, 1947, to elect
a Director, to elect Auditors,
and to transact any other or-
dinary business of the Com-
pany.

Blank proxy forms are ob-
tainable at 601/608 Marina
House, Hongkong. Proxies
must be lodged at the Regis-
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the Meeting. Only a Sharehol-
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The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 26th April to the 6th May
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
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Secretaries.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1948.

SAMAGAGA RUBBER COMPANY, LIMITED

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
AND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Thirty-third Ordinary
General Meeting of Sharehold-
ers in the abovementioned Com-
pany will be held at 601/608
Marina House, Hongkong, on
Thursday, 6th May, 1948, at
12.30 p.m. for the following
purposes.

To receive and consider the
Directors' Report and Statement
of Accounts for the year ended
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a Director, to elect Auditors,
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1948, both days inclusive.

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ACCUSED OF SPYING BY HIS SECRETARY

Moscow, Apr. 15.
Espionage charges against Mr. Robert Magidoff, a
United States radio reporter in Moscow, by his
American secretary, Miss Cecilia Nelson, were
today splashed across two columns of Izvestia,
the Soviet Government newspaper.

Miss Nelson, who has been Mr. Magidoff's secretary
since 1944, said that she had passed to the Sov-
iet authorities documents she had accidentally
discovered in his files "and which had found
their way to him through the United States Em-
bassy in Moscow."

"When I had read all these
letters," she said, "it became
absolutely clear to me that Mr.
Magidoff is making use of his
sojourn in the U.S.S.R. in the
capacity of a correspondent for
espionage, and is engaged in in-
telligence work directed against
the Soviet Union."

Miss Nelson's letter, accusing
Mr. Magidoff of espionage, said
she was convinced he was pro-
gressive in outlook and objective
towards the Soviet Union until a
few days ago she accidentally
found papers which had not
passed through her hands, but
had reached him through the
United States Embassy.

In her letter, she accused him
of the closest contact with the
Military and Naval Attaches at
the Embassy, and of having used
the diplomatic bag to transmit
information.

As third asked Mr. Magidoff to
collect information on Soviet air
transport and airfields.

Miss Nelson's letter said, with
these documents she also dis-
covered copies of Mr. Magidoff's
reports. To one report, she said,
he added a postscript: "It would
be better if this material ap-
peared without reference to Moscow."
But even if this is done, do not
ascribe last sentence to me but
try to create the impression that
this information allegedly comes
from the postscript.

No Comment

In Washington, the State De-
partment declined to comment on
the case before receiving official
dispatches from Moscow. The
only immediate reaction was a
denial that diplomatic bag facili-
ties were extended to correspon-
dents.

The National Broadcasting
Company said tonight: "The
Company has full confidence in
Mr. Magidoff's integrity as a
working newspaperman and needs
to say has never requested him
to send any information in
violation of censorship or
which might be considered of
a military nature."

The McGraw Hill Com-
pany, in a statement in New York
tonight, asserted the charges
against Mr. Magidoff were "en-
tirely without foundation."

The charge that he was in-
structed to collect detailed in-
formation about underground
constructions in the Soviet
Union, the statement said, was
based "on a normal routine
news assignment which was
sent to Mr. Magidoff in June,
1947."

"The same assignment, which
was a world-wide survey de-
signed to determine the effective-
ness of underground plants during
the recent war, was sent to our
correspondents in England, France,
Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Italy,
Germany, Austria and Japan."

The purpose of these surveys
was to make a factual report
based on the lessons of the last
war, to American industry on
problems they would have to face
if the United States industry had
to go underground."

A Company spokesman said
Mr. Magidoff was due to leave
Moscow to undertake a survey of
underground plants in Eastern
European countries behind the
"iron curtain."

Mr. Magidoff was ordered to-
day to quit Russia in two or
three days after his denuncia-
tion as a spy. He was inform-
ed of his expulsion by M.
Vasiljenko, acting Chief of the
Soviet Foreign Office, Press
Department and was told his
press card had been withdrawn.

He told British and American
reporters in Moscow tonight of
his summons to the Soviet
Foreign Office, adding: "My wife
and I are therefore leaving within
the next two or three days."

Mr. Magidoff was employed by
the National Broadcasting Com-
pany as a news reporter since
July, 1941. His work for them
consisted solely of broadcasting
news reports and sending news
despatches.—Reuter.

Genoa, Apr. 15.
The motor vessel Verruc-
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Red Light in Paris

Paris, Apr. 15.
A drive, aimed at respen-
ding France's brothels, was
launched today, and health
officials who fear that the law
which closed these houses on
April 15, 1945, may after
the same, fate as the Ameri-
can prohibition amendment.
—Reuter.

MANUEL ROXAS DEAD

(Continued from Page 1)

Flags were flown at half-mast
at the Philippine Consulate, which
was closed yesterday and will
remain closed today, and at other
Consulates in the Colony yester-
day.

First condolence message re-
ceived yesterday morning by Mr.
E. D. Belau, Philippine Consul
in Hong Kong, was from Dr. V.
N. Alencas, President of the
Filipino Club, followed later by
similar messages from the Ameri-
can Consul-General, Mr. G. D.
Hopper, the Hong Kong Brewery,
the Commercial Airline, the
Philippine Air Lines, the Far
East Commercial Company.

Messages of sympathy and
condolences were sent direct to
the British Minister at Manila
by Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Com-
mander of the British Pacific
Fleet, and Lady Boyd, for trans-
mission to Madame Roxas.

It was less than a month ago
since Admiral and Lady Boyd
last met President and Madame
Roxas at Manila during the visit
of R.M.S. "London", "Consort"
and "Alert" to the Philippine
capital.

Message Of Condolence

The following telegram has
been sent by His Excellency the
Governor to His Britannic Ma-
jesty's Minister in Manila:

"Please convey to the Govern-
ment of the Philippine Republic
an expression of the deep sym-
pathy which the Government and
people of Hong Kong feel for the
people of the Philippines in the
death of the late President
Roxas."

The Colonial Secretary has sent
a letter of sympathy to the Phil-
ippine Consul in Hong Kong which
reads:

"His Excellency the Governor
has asked me to express to you the
profound sympathy of the people
and the Government of Hong
Kong for the death of His Ex-
cellency Manuel Roxas, President
of the Republic of the Philippines,
which you announced in your
letter to me of April 14th.

His Excellency is deeply aware
of the sense of loss which must
be felt by the Philippine people at
the death of the President, who
has guided them so well in these
critical years of reconstruction."

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Electioneering Reaching Climax

Rome, Apr. 15.

A strong force of armed Italian police encircled Rome's ghetto tonight after rumours that Fascists intended a repetition of last night's incident in which the Jewish quarter was invaded by youths singing Fascist songs.

With only one more day to go before the election campaign finishes at midnight tomorrow, Rome's political meetings were filled to overflowing.

Thousands of people assembled in the great Piazza Del Popolo to hear Signor Giuseppe Giannini, one of the leaders of the Right Wing National bloc. The latest Right Wing posters in Rome streets show a young Italian prisoner-of-war, emaciated and in rags, struggling over the snows of the Russian Steppes and shouting: "Do not vote for the Popular Front."

Among the latest Leftwing propaganda is an allegation that high Vatican officials, including a Cardinal, are involved in a £10,000 swindle over foreign currency deal.

Scattered outbreaks of violence from the far North of Italy to the extreme South were reported today as the electioneering tension rose before the vital poll on Sunday, which will determine Italy's place in the future European pattern.

Mantua Strike

Servadio, a town in the north of Italy in the province of Mantua was gripped by a general strike called by the local labour organisation in protest against the arrest of the Communist Mayor after a machine-gun, three German rifles, and ammunition, were found in his house.

The strike was called off tonight. Two policemen were wounded.

The Jewish quarter of Rome was clearing up today after a group of some 200 Neo-Fascists had invaded the narrow streets last night shouting: "Death to the Jews" and beating those they found. Four people were seriously injured.

In the far South, at Lavello, near Reggio, the Bishop of Foglia and several priests with him were said to have been insulted and man-handled by Leftwing supporters during a religious procession.

Red Point

At Montevarchi, near Florence, a worker climbed on to the rostrum while a member of the anti-Communist National Bloc was speaking, and splashed the orator's face with a brushful of red paint. He was taken into custody.

Police were still discovering large quantities of hidden arms in the Venice area. They unearthed other arms dumps when searching around Bari, in the extreme southeast of the country.

Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italy's Christian Democrat Premier, continuing his tour of Sicily, today addressed 30,000 people at Caltanissetta.

No visas for foreigners to enter Rome are being granted after the general election, the Italian Embassy in Paris stated today.

The campaign for Italy's first general election in 25 years comes to an end at midnight tomorrow, the Ministry of the Interior announced today.

The Ministry denied reports that electioneering would go on until midnight on Saturday.

356 Parties

No fewer than 356 political parties are contesting Sunday's election but only 12 of them are of real importance. These fall into two main groups—Rightwing and Moderates in the first

group, standing for free enterprise and the Marshall plan aid, and the extreme Leftwing and the Communists in the second group, rejecting Marshall aid and demanding the socialisation of the country.

A Belgrade despatch today quoted the official newspaper of the Cominform for charges that 10 trains a week, travelling by night, carrying arms and ammunition, were leaving the American Zone of Germany for Italy through Innsbruck and the Brenner Pass, guarded by American soldiers assuming civilian clothes at the Italian frontier.

The writer claimed the arms were distributed to "the so-called Italian Liberation Army."—Reuter.

M.P. KILLED

Toronto, Apr. 15.
William Robertson, 51, native of Bothwellhaugh, Scotland, member of the Ontario Legislature died today from injuries suffered in a car accident.—Associated Press.

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By Shepard Barclay

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S Q J 10 6 5 4 3
H Q J 8 4
C 5
S 2 H A J 10 8
D 10 6 5 4
C A J 8 3

S 9 8 7
H 7 6 2
D A 9 7
C K 9 6

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

North East South West
3 S 3 NT Pass 4 H
Pass Pass 4 S 5 H

As they might say in racing, East and West "made every post a winning post." Despite North's effort to shut them out of the bidding, or at least crowd them into an incorrect contract, they would have been successful in taking the necessary tricks for every bid they made. East's 3-NT Trumps would have produced

an unbid grand slam, unless a diamond got led, if he played properly. And the 5-Hearts got made plus an extra trick after North led a spade. The unthinkable diamond lead is all that could have held it to exactly contract.

Notice that it would have paid North and South to bid "spades" once more, at the level of five. That could have been set only three tricks, with two in spades, one in hearts, one each in the minors. The 600 point cost would have been appreciably less than the value of the adverse vulnerable game. Of course the strong side might then have tried 6-Hearts, though it is not likely. And, as before indicated, only the improbable diamond lead could have headed off the making of the slam.

Tomorrow's Problem

S J 10 6 4
H A 3
D 7 6 5 4
C 4 3

S K 9 8 3
H Q 10 4
D 10 3
C A Q 8 2

S 2 H K J 9 7 6
D A Q J 8 2
C 9 7

S A Q 7 6
H 8 5 2
D K
C K J 10 6 5

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

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Sorry And Surprised

Washington, Apr. 15.
President Truman said today he was both "sorry and surprised" by the recent disturbances in Bogota, Colombia, where a week-and-a-half revolt interrupted the Pan-American Conference.

He endorsed the view expressed by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, who is at Bogota, that the disturbances had shown the world the danger of Communism.—Reuter.

Americans 'In A Panic'

London, Apr. 14.
A British newspaper editor said today that Americans are in a panic over the prospect of war.

Frank Owen, 42-year-old editor of the Daily Mail, fresh from a tour of the U.S., said, "The war scare which is raging there is almost terrifying. I tried to explain to them that we did not share their worst fears about the Russians."

Americans are in a bigger panic than our Foreign Office was here last week over the Anglo-American-Russian differences in Berlin, and that is saying something," Owen said.

He added that as fears mount in the United States, the feeling for Britain grows more friendly.—Associated Press.

New Attack On Cholera

London, Apr. 15.
Successes in the treatment of cholera by a new sulphonamide compound provisionally called "G.257" are reported in today's British Medical Journal.

In field trials carried out by Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar in Madras last year, 82 of 85 patients survived. The three who died were in the group of those most seriously ill.

"The improvement, even 24 hours, appears to have been remarkable," the Journal said. "As a rule, patients could be said to have recovered at the end of 72 hours."

"It would be rash to assert that a panacea for cholera has been obtained. Nevertheless, the results are so striking that they merit further investigation on the widest possible scale."—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—"Sweet Reprieve" with Peter York and His Concert Orchestra, and Paula Green and Steve Conway in song.

1.05 p.m.—Weather Report and Announcement.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Music Hall Memories.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—A Light Concert.

6.30 p.m.—"My Songs for You" Sung by Maurice Keary.

6.45 p.m.—"Ferry Lou at the Piano (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—"Unit Requests" Linda Cater (Studio).

7.30 p.m.—"See Two" Soccer Commentary (Studio).

8.10 p.m.—Interlude.

8.15 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

8.30 p.m.—"Detection Club," "A Nice Cup of Tea" by Anthony Gilbert (London Relay).

9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.16 p.m.—"Saturday Band-Up" (Studio).

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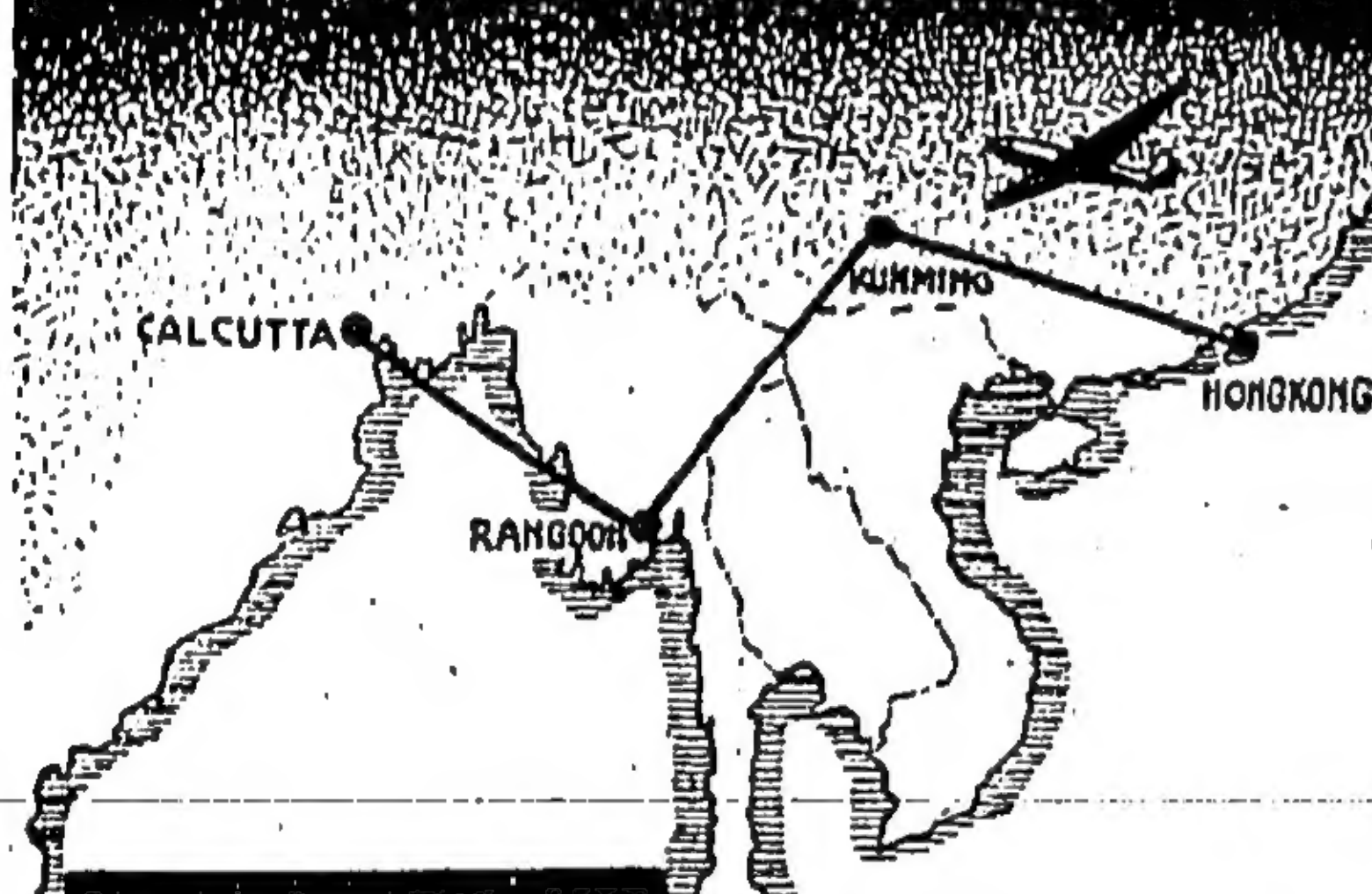
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ITALIAN ELECTIONS

What gives special importance to Italian elections to be held tomorrow is their timing. Had they been held last year they would not have seemed, as they do now, to constitute a test of international policy. They were delayed for one reason or another, mainly because the constituent assembly took longer to frame the Republican constitution than had been expected. It could scarcely have been foreseen that they would fall at a moment when tension between the supporters and the opponents of the European Recovery Programme was at its height.

As it is, the organs of Soviet and Communist propaganda in Eastern Europe have for weeks past spared no effort to denounce the sinister designs of the Right and Centre parties in Italy, while Western countries have not disguised their vital interest in preservation of Italian freedom. Western demarche over Trieste was only one of a long series of diplomatic inducements, which include Soviet agitation in favour of British withdrawal from the former Italian colonies and a statement by the Polish Government that it would be happy to see these colonies placed under Italian trusteeship. Moreover, a recent warning from the State Department indicated that victory for the left-wing alliance would disqualify Italy from further aid. The gravity of this warning can be measured by the fact that Italy has received American aid to tune of about US\$2,000,000 over last five years. After this barrage from both sides it is certain that the electors will have foreign policy in the forefront of their minds when their choice is made.

Still Trying

The suggestion is still being put about, though as yet in no "official" form, that it is the duty of the British Government to postpone the ending of the Palestine Mandate for three more months. It is a suggestion which would have to be seriously considered if there were any real ground for thinking that such a postponement would materially improve the situation. But, in fact, there seems no reason whatever to believe that the situation in August would be any different from the situation in May. The tragic fact is that a state of civil war already exists. It can be ended in only one of two ways. One is by the intervention of an outside Power prepared to use, for an indefinite period, strong forces far more ruthlessly than Britain is prepared to do. But a foreign totalitarian regime is no solution of the problem. The other is by a settlement reached by the Arabs and the Jews themselves. In the long run that must come. If the Arab and Jewish leaders will themselves face the realities, a settlement could still come without a long, bloody and devastating struggle. But it would not be brought a day nearer by continuing the British administration for a day longer.

Tragic Death

The sudden death from a heart attack of President Roxas has caused a profound shock in every part of the world where his work for the Philippines was known and appreciated. President Roxas has been a powerful leader at a time when the young Republic has needed him most and his achievements in reconstruction and rehabilitation have been conspicuous. It is a tragic thing



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thought and action, and British sympathy or even admiration for Germany found powerful expression.

The League of Nations had no sooner been created than it received its almost mortal blow. The United States abandoned President Wilson's offspring. The President himself, ready to do battle for his ideals, suffered a paralytic stroke just as he was setting forth on his campaign, and lingered henceforward a futile wreck for a great part of two long and vital years, at the end of which his party and his policy were swept away by the Republican Presidential victory of 1920. Across the Atlantic on the morrow of the Republican success isolationist conceptions prevailed. Europe must be left to stew in its own juice, and must pay its lawful debts. At the same time tariffs were raised to prevent the entry of the goods by which alone these debts could be discharged. At the Washington Conference of 1920, far-reaching proposals for naval disarmament were made by the United States, and the British and American Government proceeded to sink their battleships and break up their military establishments with gusto. It was argued in odd logic that it would be immoral to disarm the vanquished unless the victors also stripped themselves of their weapons. The finger of Anglo-American reprobation was presently to be pointed at France, deprived alike of the Rhine frontier and of her treaty guarantee, for maintaining, even on a greatly reduced scale, a French Army based upon universal service.

The United States made it clear to Britain that the continuance of her alliance with Japan, to which the Japanese had punctiliously conformed, would constitute a barrier in Anglo-American relations. Accordingly this alliance was brought to an end. The annulment caused a profound impression in Japan, and was viewed as the spurning of an Asiatic Power by the Western world. Many links were sundered which might afterwards have proved of decisive value to peace. At the same time, Japan could console herself with the fact that the downfall of Germany and Russia had, for a time, raised her to the third place among the world's naval Powers, and certainly to the highest rank in the group of the great Powers. Although the Washington Naval Agreement prescribed a lower ratio of strength in capital ships for Japan than for Britain and the United States (five: five: three), the quota assigned to her was well up to her building and financial capacity for a good many years, and she watched with no inactive eye the new leading naval Powers cutting each other down far below what their resources would have permitted and what their responsibilities enjoined. Thus, both in Europe and in Asia, conditions were swiftly created by the victorious Allies which, in the name of peace, cleared the way for the renewal of war.

While all these untoward events were taking place, and a ceaseless chatter of well-meant platitudes on both sides of the Atlantic, a new and more terrible cause of quarrel than the Imperialism of Czars and Kaisers became apparent in Europe. The Civil War in Russia ended in the absolute victory of the Bolshevik Revolution. The Soviet Armies which advanced to subjugate Poland were indeed repulsed in the battle of Warsaw, but Germany and Italy nearly succumbed to Communist propaganda and design. Hungary actually fell for a while under the control of

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the Communist dictator, Bela Kun. Although Marshal Foch wisely observed that "Bolshevism had never crossed the frontiers of victory," the foundations of European civilisation trembled in the early post-war years. Fascism was the shadow or ugly child of Communism. While Marshal Foch was making himself useful to the German officer-class in Munich by arousing soldiers and workers to fierce hatred of Jews and Communists on whom he laid the blame of Germany's defeat, another adventurer, Benito Mussolini, provided Italy with a new theme of government which, while it claimed to have the Italian people from Communism raised himself to dictatorial power. As Fascism sprang from Communism, so Nazism developed from Fascism. Thus were set on foot those kindred movements which were destined soon to plunge the world into even more hideous strife, which none can say has ended with their destruction.

Nevertheless, one solid security for peace remained. Germany was disarmed. All her artillery and weapons were destroyed. Her fleet had already sunk itself in Scapa Flow. Her vast army was disbanded. By the Treaty of Versailles, only a professional long-service army, not exceeding 100,000 men, and unable on this basis to accumulate reserves, was permitted to Germany for purposes of internal order. The annual quotas of recruits no longer were dissolved. Every effort was made to reduce to a tithe the Officer Corps. No military air force of any kind was allowed. Submarines were forbidden, and the German navy was limited to a handful of vessels under 10,000 tons. Soviet Russia was barred off from Western Europe by a cordon of violently anti-Bolshevik States, who had broken away from the former Empire of the Czars in its new and more terrible form. Poland and Czechoslovakia raised independent heads, and seemed to stand erect in Central Europe. Hungary had recovered from her dose of Bela Kun. The French Army, resting upon its laurels, was incomparably the strongest military force in Europe, and it was for some years believed that the French Air Force was also of a high order.

Up till the year 1934 the power of the conquerors remained unchallenged in Europe and, indeed, throughout the world. There was no moment in these sixteen years when the three former Allies, or even Britain and France, with their associates in Europe, could not put in the name of the League of Nations, and under its moral and international shield, have controlled by a mere effort of the will the armed strength of Germany. Instead, until 1931 the victors, and particularly the United States, concentrated their efforts upon extorting by venalious foreign control their annual reparations from Germany. The fact that these payments were made only from far larger American loans reduced the whole process to the absurd. Nothing was respected except ill-will. On the other hand, the strict enforcement at any time till 1934 of the Disarmament Clause of the Peace Treaty would have guarded indefinitely, without violence or bloodshed, the peace and safety of mankind. But this was neglected while the infirmities remained petty, and shunned as they assumed serious proportions. Thus the final safeguard of a long peace was cast away. The crimes of the vanquished find their background and their explanation,

though not, of course, their pardon, in the follies of the victors. Without these follies crime would have found neither temptation nor opportunity.

In these pages I attempt to recount some of the incidents and impressions which form in my mind the story of the coming upon mankind of the worst tragedy in its tumultuous history. This presented itself not only in the destruction of life and property inseparable from war. There had been fearful slaughters of soldiers in the First World War, and much of the accumulated treasure of the nations was consumed. Still apart from the excesses of the Russian Revolution, the main fabric of European civilisation remained erect at the close of the struggle. When the storm and dust of the cannonade passed suddenly away, the nations despite their enmities could still recognise each other as big, brave, and honourable. The whole been respected. There was a common "professional" meeting ground between military men who had fought one another. Vanquished and victors alike still preserved the semblance of civilised States. A solemn Peace was made which, apart from unenforceable financial aspects, contained the principles which in the 19th century had increased the relations of enlightened peoples. The reign of law was proclaimed, and a World Instrument was formed to guard us all, and especially Europe, against a renewed convulsion.

Now in the Second World War every bond between man and man was to be perished. Crises were committed by the German nations to which they allowed themselves to be subjected, which had no equal in some and wickedness with any that have darkened the human record. The wholesale massacre by systematised processes of six or seven millions of men, women and children in the German execution camps exceeds in horror the rough and ready butcheries of Genghis Khan, and in scale reduces them to pigmy proportions. Deliberate extermination of whole populations was contemplated and pursued by both Germany and Russia in the Eastern war. The hideous process of bombarding cities from the air, once started by the Germans, was repaid twenty-fold by the overwhelming power of the Allies, and found its culmination in the use of the atomic bombs which obliterated Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We have at length emerged from a scene of material ruin and moral havoc the like of which had never darkened the imagination of former centuries. After all that we suffered and achieved we find ourselves still confronted with problems and perils not less but far more formidable than those through which we have so narrowly made our way.

It is my purpose, as one who lived and acted in these days, first to show how easily the tragedy of the Second World War could have been prevented; how the malice of the wicked was reinforced by the weakness of the virtuous; how the structure and habits of democratic States, unless they are welded into larger organisms, lack those elements of persistence and conviction which can alone give security to humble masses; how, even in matters of self-preservation, no policy is pursued for even ten or fifteen years at a time. We shall see how the counsels of prudence and restraint may become the prime agents of mortal danger; how the middle course adopted from desires for safety, at a quiet life may be founded lead direct to the bull's-eye of disaster. We shall see how absolute is the need of a broad path of international action pursued by many States in common across the years, irrespective of the ebb and flow of national policies.

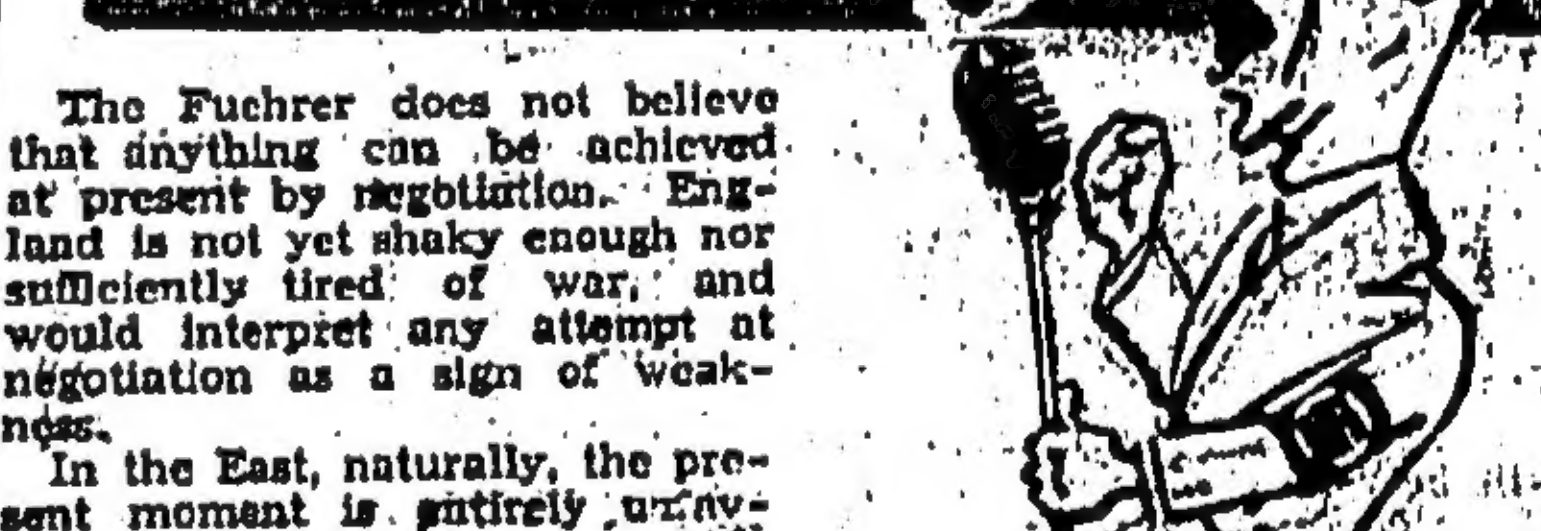
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The Fuehrer does not believe that anything can be achieved at present by negotiation. England is not yet shaky enough nor sufficiently tired of war, and would interpret any attempt at negotiation as a sign of weakness.

In the East, naturally, the present moment is entirely unsuitable for indicating any readiness to negotiate. Stalin has the advantage, and however easy it may be for someone in an advantageous position to indicate his readiness to come to an arrangement, it is quite impossible for anyone at a temporary disadvantage to do so.

We must therefore try to survive this crisis, whatever the cost. It is refreshing to note the Fuehrer's optimistic attitude. Seldom throughout this whole war have I seen him so tough and aggressive.

The Fuehrer told me in detail about the Duce's visit. The Duce's personality did not impress him as powerfully this time as at their earlier meetings.

The main reason may be that the Duce now came to the Fuehrer without any power and that the Fuehrer accordingly looked at him somewhat more critically.

The Fuehrer expected that the first thing the Duce would do would be to wrangle with him on his betrayal. He gave no such indication, however, which showed his real limitations. He is not a revolutionary like the Fuehrer or Stalin.

His daughter Edda and, through her, his son-in-law Ciano, are serving as an unwelcome influence on him.

Duce and Ciano

Edda Mussolini has succeeded in completely reversing the Duce's opinion about Ciano. The result was a reconciliation between the Duce and Ciano, which means the political situation is again planted in the midst of the new fascist Republic's peril.

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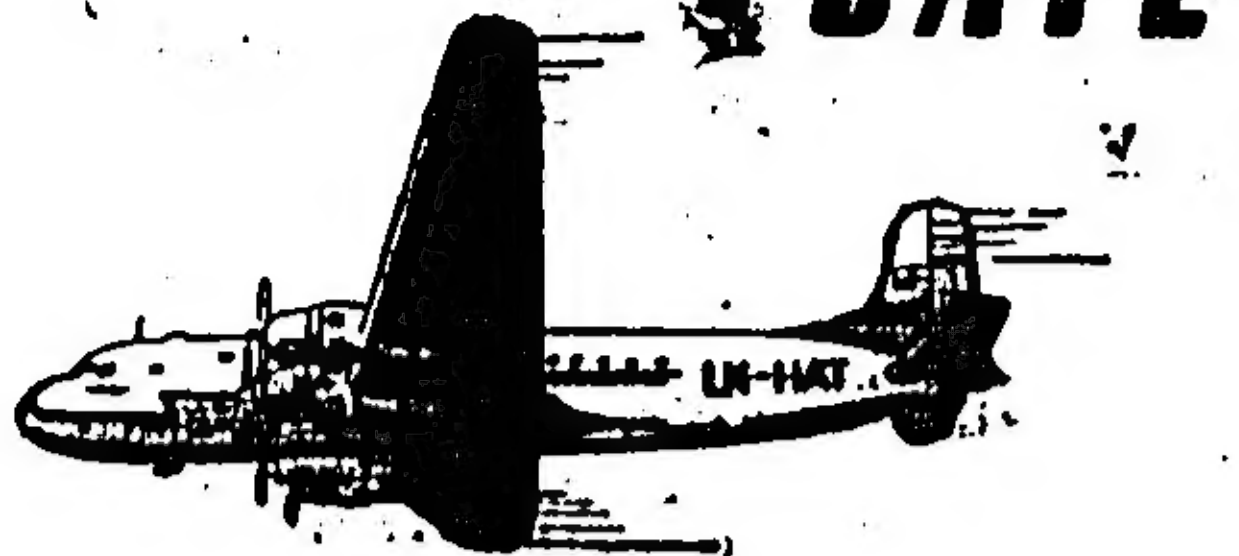
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Increasing Soviet Pressure Moscow Orders Berlin To Issue New Currency Another Wide Strip Of Land Closed To Traffic

Berlin, Apr. 15.

The Soviet military authorities in Germany have received orders from Moscow to go ahead with its plan for a separate currency reform in East-Germany, it was learned here today.

German circles, in close touch with both the German, administrative organ and the Russian Control officials said the Russian plan would come into effect at the end of May or early in June.

The details of the plan are not yet known, but it is understood that it follows generally the proposals made by the Russians when a quadripartite currency reform still seemed possible.

The "interests of the working class" will, however, receive special consideration in the Soviet scheme, which will "soak" the rich by cutting into large bank deposits while leaving small savings relatively unaffected.

The introduction of a new currency in the Eastern Zone may coincide with increased direct and indirect Russian pressure on the Western Allies to leave Berlin. At the moment, when the changeover is announced, traffic between the Western and the Soviet Zones is expected to be totally suspended for a few days at least.

Cut In Two

In Berlin itself, the Soviet sector will be included in the changeover, but the three Western sectors will be excluded, it was learned. The city will thus be cut in two and economic life may be at a standstill for a short time.

Political circles here hold the view that the Soviet authorities hope that this, coupled with increasingly irksome traffic regulations, will finally force the Western Allies out of the city.

The Russians have closed a wide strip of land adjoining the zonal frontier to German vehicular traffic, the French licensed newspaper, Kurier, reported tonight.

Special permits must be obtained from the Soviet authorities for vehicles to enter this closed frontier area, the paper said.

The British inquiry, commission, investigating the cause of last week's fatal Viking-Yak air collision over Berlin, adjourned tonight after hearing evidence from German, American and British eyewitnesses.

A British spokesman said after the session that the inquiry was going "speedily" and the technical evidence was almost completed.

It is expected that the inquiry will be completed tomorrow when some of today's witnesses may be recalled for further questioning.

Wings As Evidence

Part of the wing of the Russian Yak fighter and the wing of the British Viking aircraft will be brought by lorry to the room in the Allied Control authority building where the inquiry is being held for examination by the commission's experts.

The official confirmation that the British authorities have

part of the wing of the wrecked Viking appears to bear out reports that some of the British plane, which lies in the Russian Zone, had been "unofficially" moved into the British sector.

The Russian authorities gave permission for the bodies and baggage to be removed soon after the catastrophe, but they did not allow the wreckage of the plane itself to be touched.

In the same way, the wrecked Russian Yak fighter has been lying under British guard in the British sector of Berlin since the accident, and the Russian authorities will only be allowed to move it tomorrow.

General Alexandrov, the Russian air chief, who last night received permission from the British authorities to inspect the ruins of the Yak fighter tomorrow (Friday) morning, telephoned the British authorities today and announced he wanted to see the wreckage this afternoon.

Did Not Arrive

The British authorities agreed, but the Russian general did not arrive. Soviet experts, accompanied by a British observer, will inspect the wreckage tomorrow morning as previously arranged.

In Vienna, the British and American authorities discussed concerted action over the latest Russian traffic controls in the Vienna area at a joint meeting today in the American capital.

Russian controls on British road and rail movements had earlier been relaxed.

Military trains passed through without incident. Eight cars were allowed to pass without their occupants showing photograph identity cards, previously insisted upon by the Soviet guards.

Soviet attention was concentrated today on a rigid check of American movements between Vienna and Tulln airport, about 15 miles from Vienna.

An American correspondent and an Austrian photographer were detained and questioned for an hour when they tried to photograph Americans being held up at a Soviet road block.—Reuter.

REFUGEES POUR INTO SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Apr. 15.
The number of refugees fleeing from war devastated areas to Shanghai has swelled to more than 200,000, according to figures released by competent authorities.

The same sources revealed that while a large number of refugees occupy accommodation provided by the local authorities, part of them have taken temporary lodgings in the premises of various guilds and funeral parlours.—Reuter.

U.S. Air Force Expansion

Washington, Apr. 15.

The House of Representatives voted additional funds today to start expanding the United States Air Force from 55 to 70 group. The voting was 115 to none.

The bill was later sent to the Senate.

By the vote, the House added \$22 million to \$2,376 million Bill originally designed to finance a 55-group Air Force. The House action was not final, however, as it must act on the other parts of the Bill as well, and the Senate has not yet considered it at all.—Reuter.

Wan Lee Passengers Still Held

Shanghai, Apr. 16.

All the 452 passengers and about 60 crew members of the freighter Wan Lee are still in the hands of Chinese Communists in north-eastern Shantung, according to a high official of the Fuming Steamship Company, owners of the vessel, quoted by the press today.

The official expressed his belief that the passengers and crew are now being held "at the Communist-controlled town of Yungchenhsien, about seven or eight miles from the north-east promontory where the ship ran aground last Monday.

In an effort to locate and try to rescue the passengers, nine persons representing the family members of the Wan Lee passengers in Shanghai are scheduled to emplane for Tsingtao and Peiping this morning. They will be accompanied by five officials of the Company.

The delegates will be taking with them several letters of introduction to high authorities, including one addressed to the Tsingtao Air Force commander.

Jogjakarta Affair: Dutch Doubtful

Batavia, Apr. 15.

The Provisional Federal Government met for four hours on Thursday to discuss the situation created by last Monday's incidents in Jogjakarta.

Abdul Kadir, a member of the Federal Government and Chairman of the Dutch Delegation, gave a report.

A Dutch spokesman said they are still undecided whether or not the Republican apologies will be accepted. The Federal Government will meet again on Thursday.

The spokesman said that none of the Dutch Delegation, now in Batavia, will leave for Jogjakarta on Thursday. He said the Dutch are disappointed that the Sultan of Jogjakarta did not deliver Wednesday's radio statement himself, but left it to an announcer.

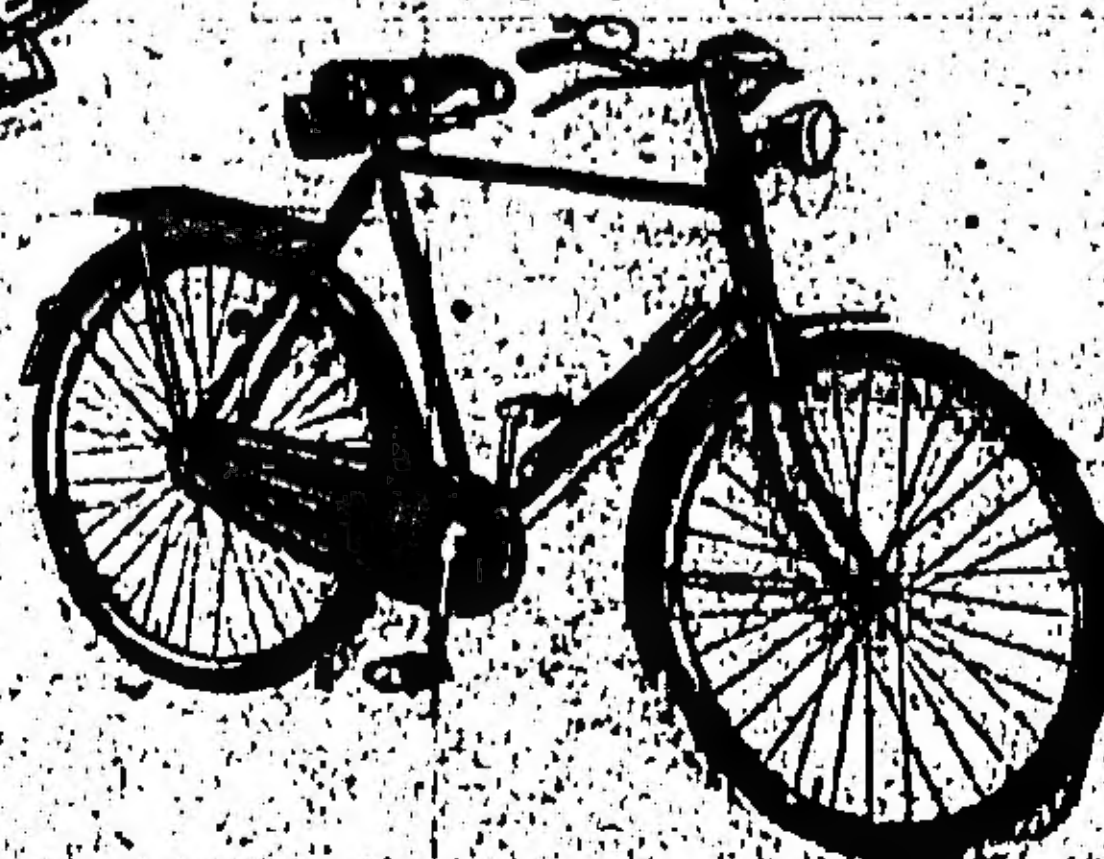
It is reliably learned from a Dutch source that the reason why it is still undecided whether to accept or not the Republican apologies is due to a difference of opinion in the Federal Government.

One group wishes the return of the Dutch Delegation to Batavia. The rest wishes a continuance of the discussion in Jogjakarta, but with a clear and satisfactory apology by the Republican Government. It is believed that the Dutch Delegation maintains its former standpoint namely, to regard the incident as closed.—Associated Press.

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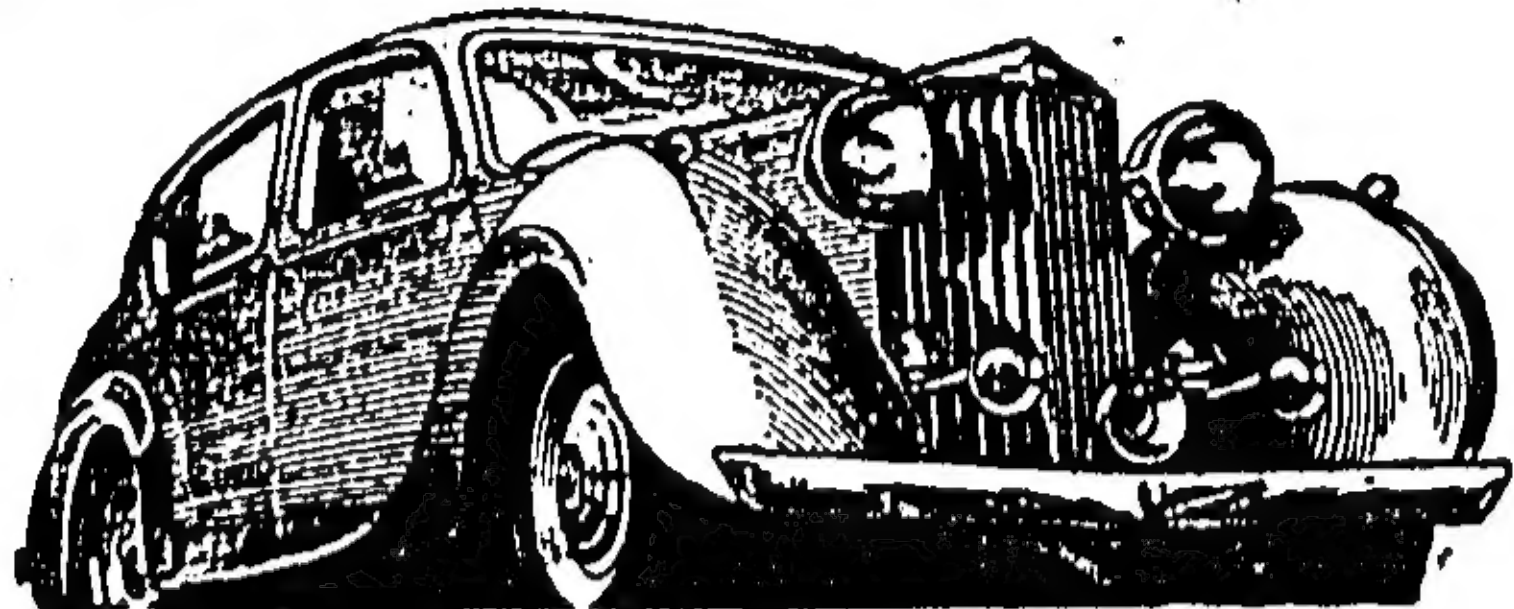


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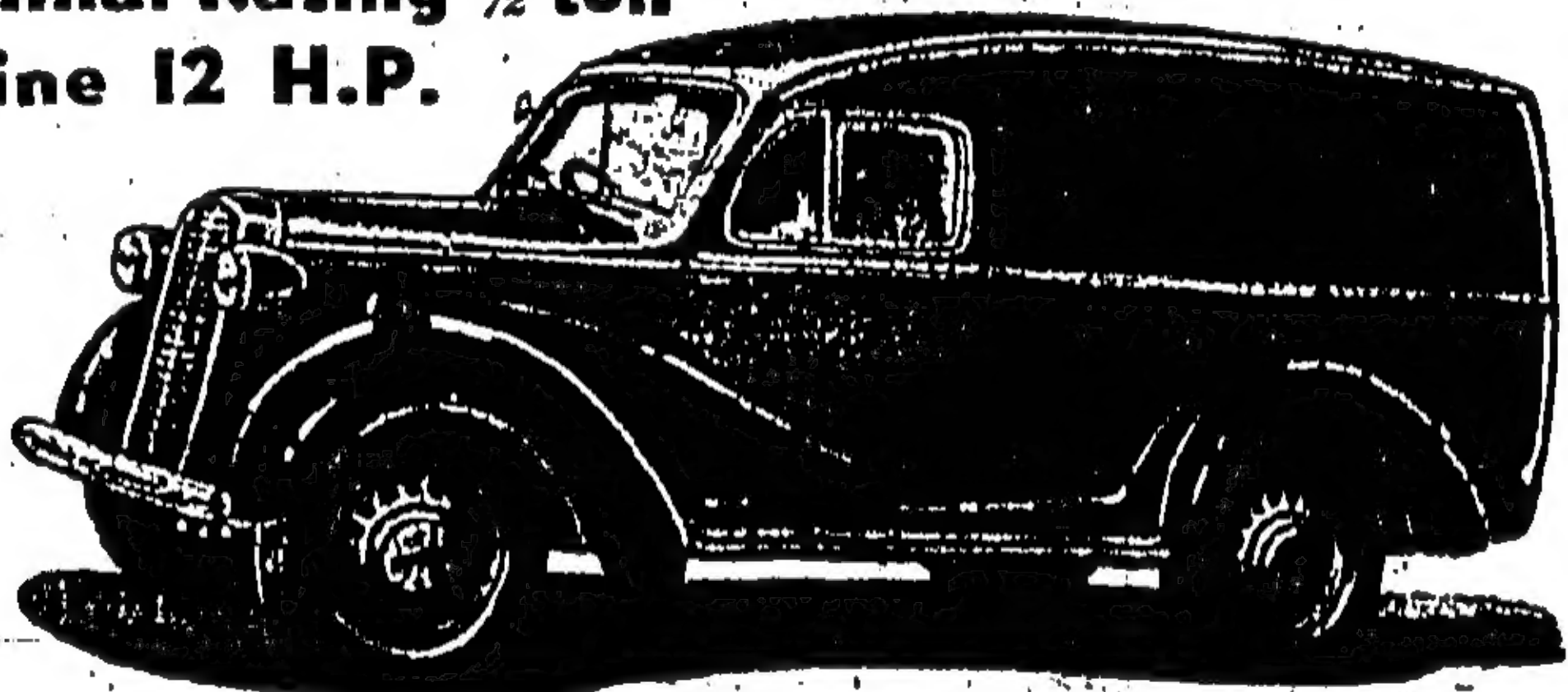


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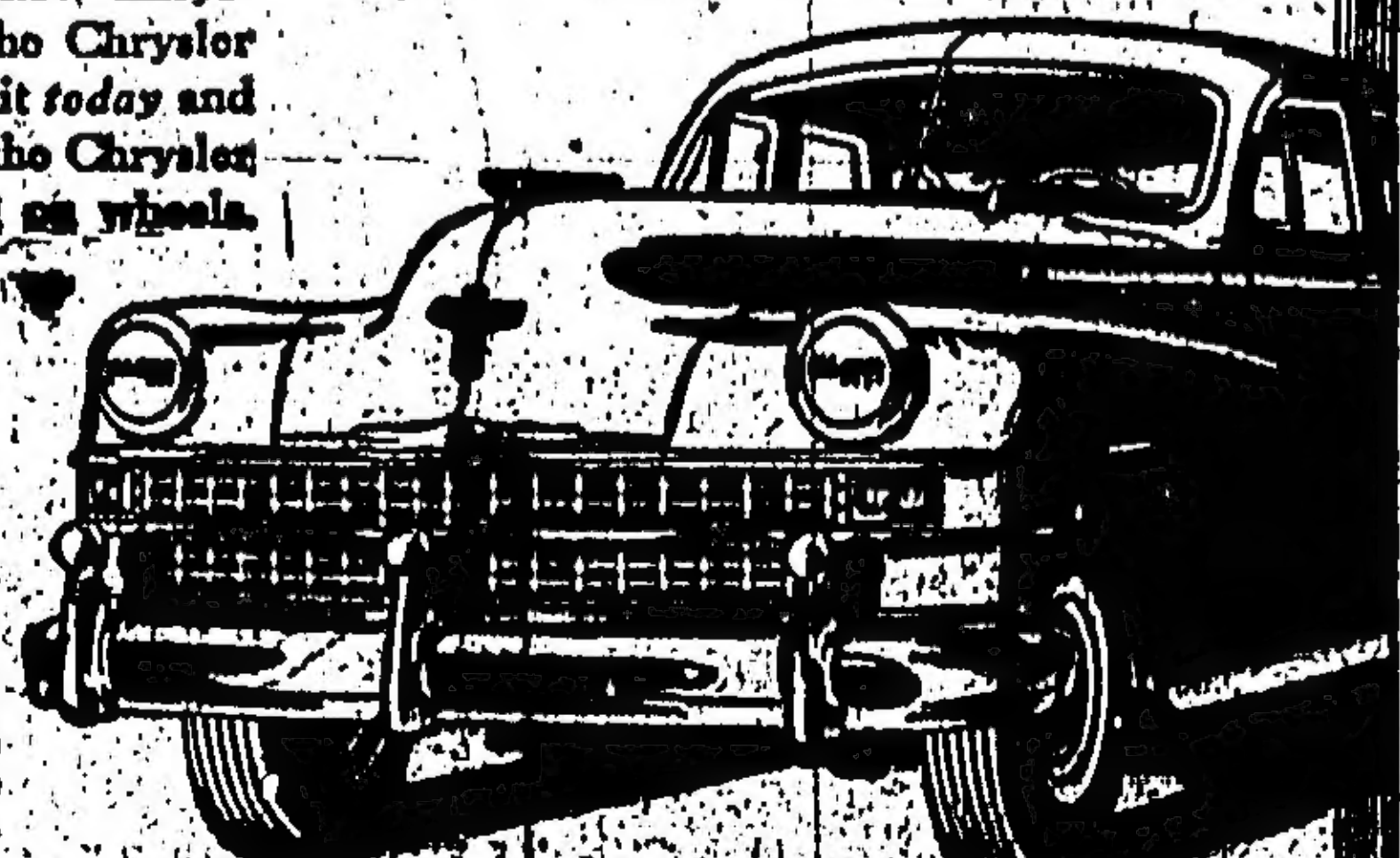
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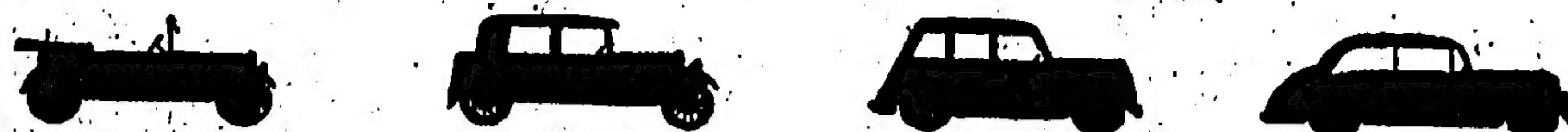


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FRONT WHEEL DRIVE ON NEW CITROEN

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The Citroen Light Fifteen is not only the first front-wheel drive car to be road-tested by the "China Mail" but also the first "two-country" car, for although the engine and transmission are French, the Citroen is assembled in England (at Slough, to be precise) and has all the little extra touches that make the standard British car compare favourably with the luxury models of other countries. The Citroen has the advantage of an engine and transmission system which has stood the test of over 10 years road experience, plus the comfort and luxury interior of a good medium-class car.

Main interest centred at the outset, of course, on the front-wheel-drive system, as this was the first car of this type—with the exception of Jeeps during the war—that we had driven. Our initial reaction was that except for a gear lever protruding from the centre of the dashboard and a (false) impression of slightly heavier steering, there was little apparent difference between F.W.D. and the normal drive through the rear axle.

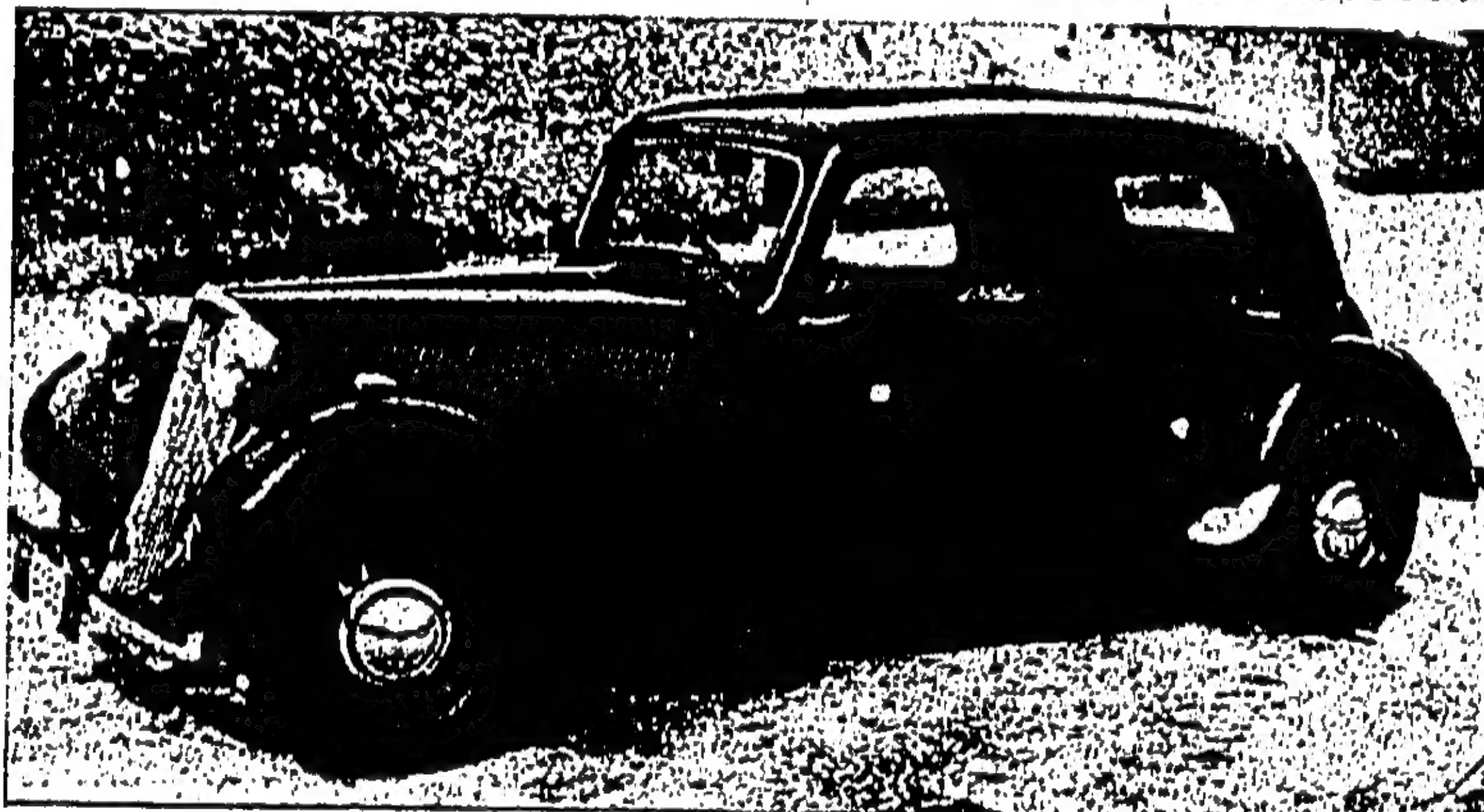
A run around the Island, however, soon showed the difference, for without any attempt to push the car and despite a crawl of some five miles through heavy fog between Taitam and Shaok-

wen, the circuit of Hong Kong was accomplished at a far higher average speed than we have ever been able to achieve in the past. One reason for this is the greater confidence one has in rounding the innumerable bends. In the ordinary course of events, skids are almost impossible, thanks to the pull of the front wheels (as opposed to the "push" of the rear wheels in normal cars).

Another advantage of front-wheel-drive is, of course, the fact that with all the "works" out in front it is possible to build a really low body and yet have plenty of headroom and complete visibility of both wings. Weight, too, has been saved, for there is no propeller shaft and no live axle with its problems of unsprung avoidments. Finally, Citroen have been able to combine torsion bar springs with

at 40 miles an hour and has a top speed of just over 70 miles an hour. It will be seen that the maximum speed is not as high as on certain semi-sporting type of British cars in the 2-litre category; on the other hand, on a point-to-point drive (especially on roads such as abound in this Colony), the Citroen thanks to its incredible road-holding and ability to corner at higher—and safer—speeds, would more than hold its own.

Citroen themselves claim that "few cars are so safe and comfortable to drive," and anyone who has been at the wheel of one will agree with this modest statement. There is nothing new or untested in the latest models. The front-wheel-drive system was first introduced in 1934. The present body has remained unchanged since 1937—and it is a



— "China Mail" Photo.

stiffness of chassis and frame and absence of roll to make fast cornering not only a delight, but a completely safe practice.

The gearshift—a small lever protruding from the centre of the dashboard—looks at first sight as though it is going to be difficult. It isn't, as one finds out in a few minutes and changes up and down can be accomplished swiftly and easily. Personally, we might have preferred a slightly longer lever, but it is probably further acquaintance with a Citroen would alter this opinion.

Mention was made earlier of "a (false) impression of slightly heavier steering." This was probably more a psychological reaction than anything, for after four or five miles one realises that having the drive going to the front wheels does not mean that finger-light steering is impossible. It is firm, and one car does not tend to jump all over the road—but it goes exactly where one wants it with only the gentlest of pressure and complete absence of wheel-tugging.

The four-cylinder OHV ("valve-in-head") to American readers) engine makes the modest claim of some 57 brake-horse power at maximum revs. It is very definitely a four, and somewhat obtrusive at low speeds, when engine noise—a lusty, purring sound—makes itself somewhat obvious. But it has plenty of power behind it, whether on top or second, and responds quickly to throttle movements without hesitation or nonsense.

The Citroen Light Fifteen, according to official tests at Home, does some 28 miles to the gallon

tribute to the far-seeing designers that it by no means looks out of date or behind the times.

The stress is on the word "light," for a great deal of unnecessary weight has been eliminated. This is partly due to the method of body construction. Steel pressings, electrically welded together, make a rigid steel box out of roof, sides, floor and back panels. Further strength is provided by the welding in of the scuttle bulkhead. In other words, both body and chassis are one.

So far as bodywork is concerned, the Citroen is a five-seater, four-door saloon, with or without sliding roof. The seats are leather-covered, the front seats being separate but so close together that three passengers can be accommodated in comfort when necessary.

General equipment includes a polished wood dashboard with glove panel, trafficators worked from a switch under the steering wheel, pile carpets, pockets on the doors for maps, etc., two concealed electric horns worked by a button under the steering wheel, a rectangular instrument panel containing a speedometer, ammeter, petrol gauge and clock, twin screen wipers, and all the normal fittings from ash-trays to driving mirror.

To sum up, the Citroen Light Fifteen is a fast, comfortable car, with all the speed and pulling powers of the best in its class, plus the added feature of front-wheel-drive to make cornering and manoeuvrability in traffic and on greasy roads a delight instead of a headache. Its low-slung

Data

MAKE AND MODEL: Citroen Light Fifteen, 4-door saloon.

ENGINE:—Four cylinder OHV (pushrod) engine; 1,911 cc., 15.08 HP, developing 67 BHP at 4,200 rpm; detachable cylinder barrels; 3-bearing counterweighted crankshaft; pressure-fed lubrication; 80-lb down-draught carburettor, with acceleration pump.

TRANSMISSION:—Front-wheel drive; gearbox and differential in unit with engine; 3-speed gearbox, with synchromesh on top and second, ratios 4.3, 7.3 and 13.1 to 1, reverse 17.5 to 1; dashboard gear lever; drive transmitted from differential to road wheels by universally jointed sliding cardan shafts.

SUSPENSION:—Front, independent wheels and adjustable torsion bars. Rear, adjustable torsion bars. Trailing axle with beam of cruciform section. Hydraulic shock absorbers, vertically mounted.

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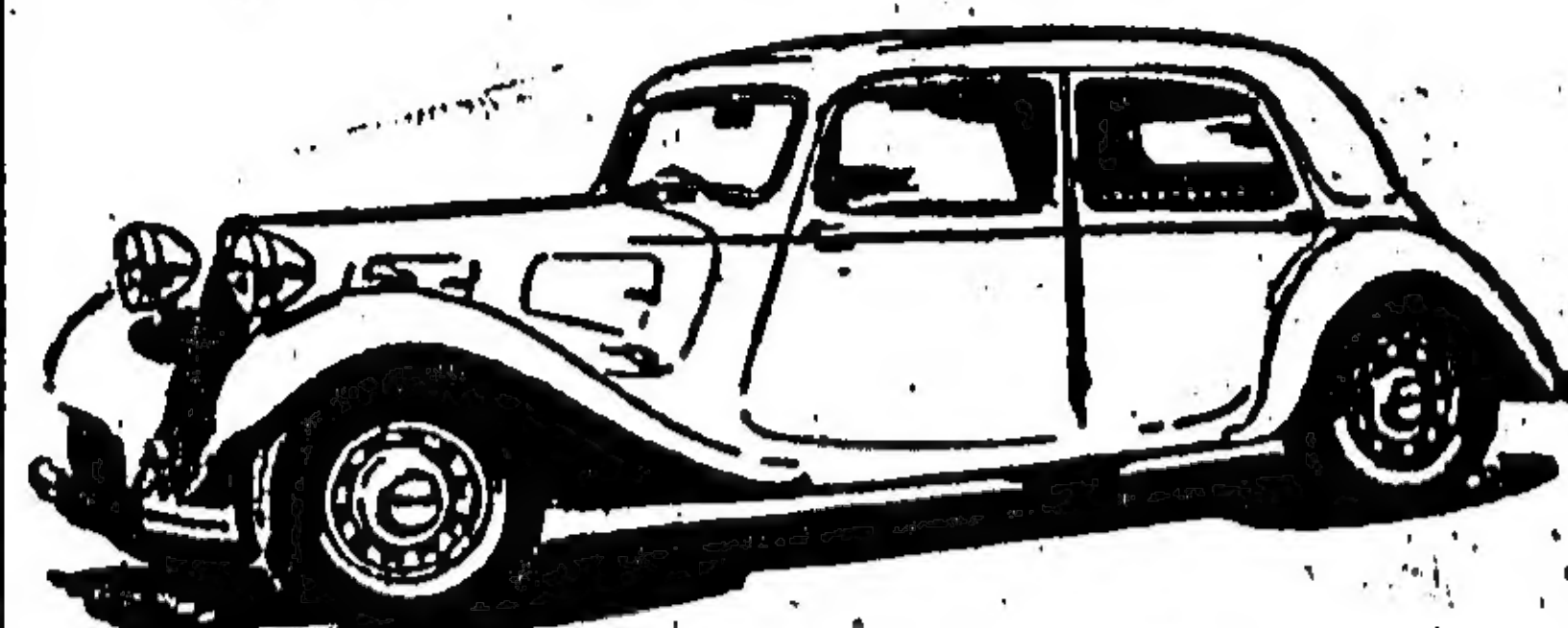
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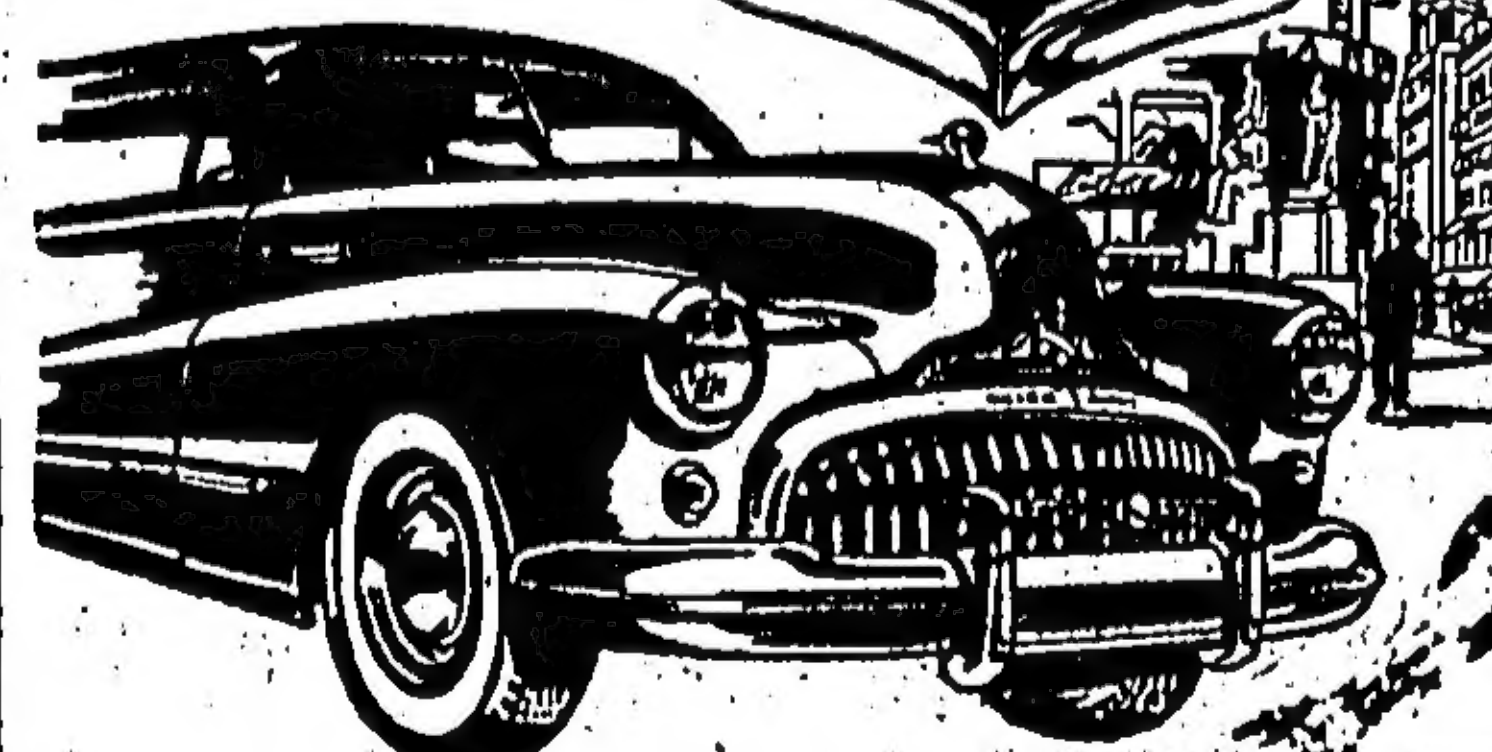
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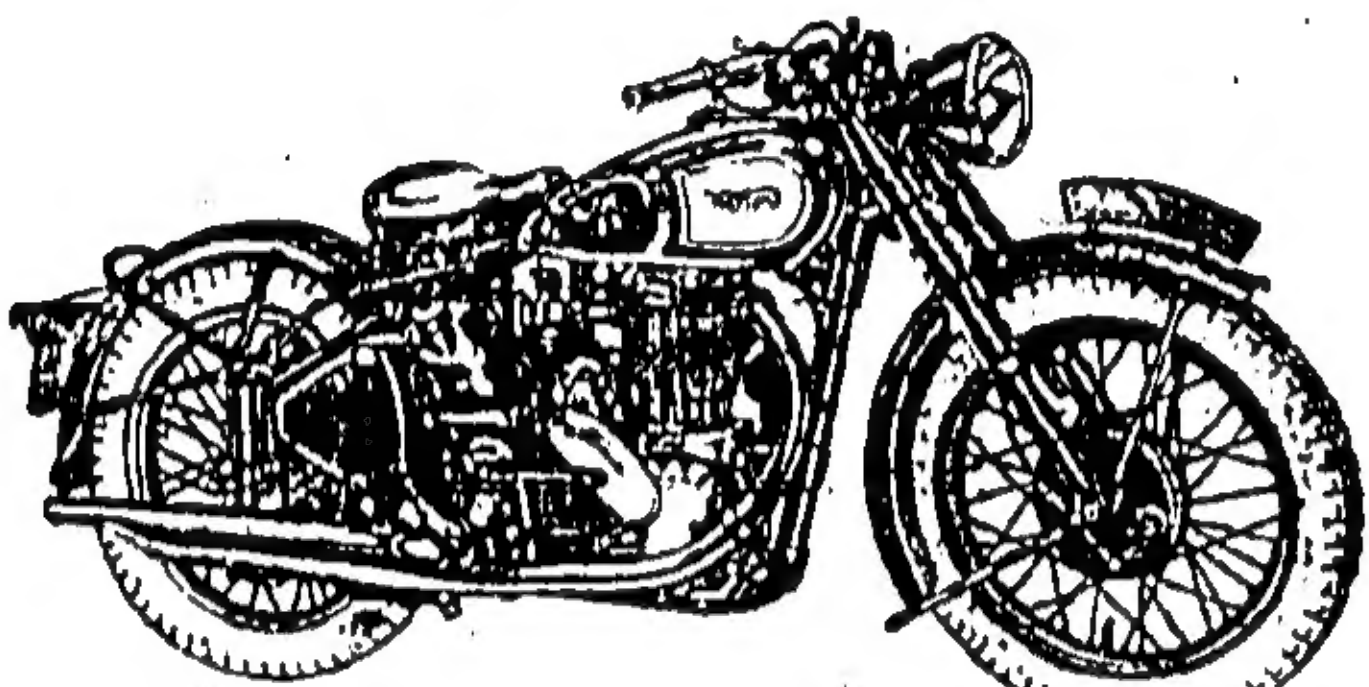
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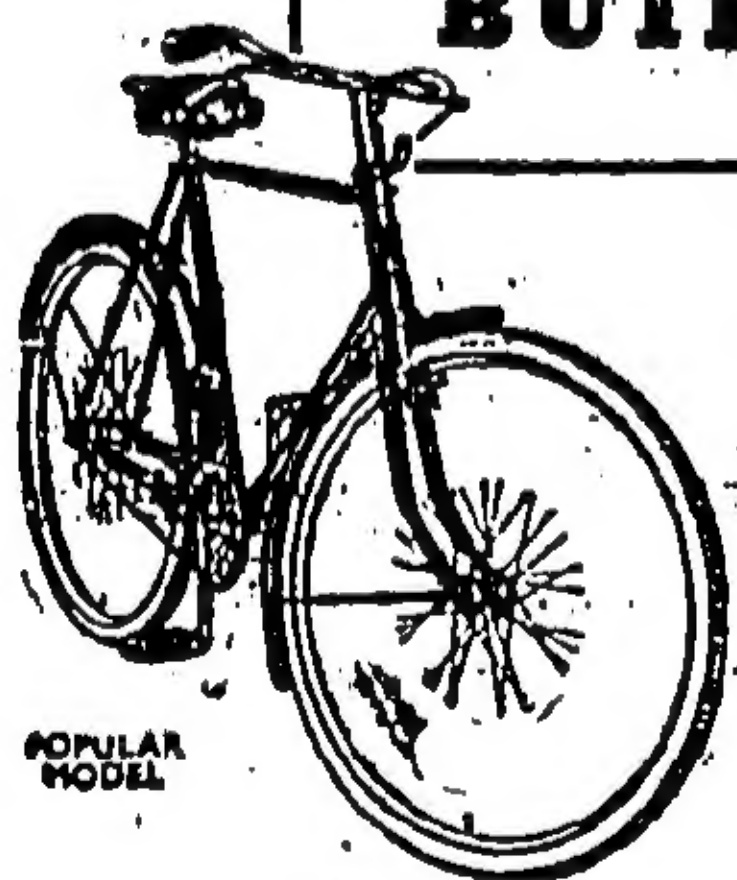
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ABOLITION OF DEATH PENALTY

New Bill May Be Rejected By House Of Lords

Government Put In Curious Position

London, Apr. 15.

The House of Lords may reject the five-year trial abolition of the death penalty for murder, decided by a free vote of the House of Commons, according to informed sources in the House of Lords tonight.

In that case the Government, though it opposed the abolition but was overruled by its own rank and file Members, may have the paradoxical duty of fighting the House of Lords to secure a reform which it disapproves.

Cabinet leaders, though disappointed at yesterday's vote, recognise that the will of the

House of Commons is paramount.

They consider it their duty to present the new Criminal Justice Bill, amended to include the abolition of the death penalty for five years, as if it were a measure passed by a Government majority.

The House of Lords have the power to delay the Bill for two years, though this period would be reduced if a Bill for the reform of the House of Lords—now before Parliament—becomes law. The chief problem would arise when the Bill came back to the House of Commons, if rejected by the House of Lords. Before being submitted to the House of Lords, a second time, it would have to be passed afresh by the House of Commons.

Government's Position

Political quarters ask whether the Government would then give the House of Commons a second free vote, probably repeating yesterday's paradox.

The general belief is that the Government would not allow an embarrassment to itself to deter it from the constitutional duty of seeing that the will of the House of Commons prevailed.

Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, is expected to announce in Parliament tomorrow that men now under sentence of death for murder will not be hanged.—Reuter.

Debts To Bizonia

Essen, Apr. 15.

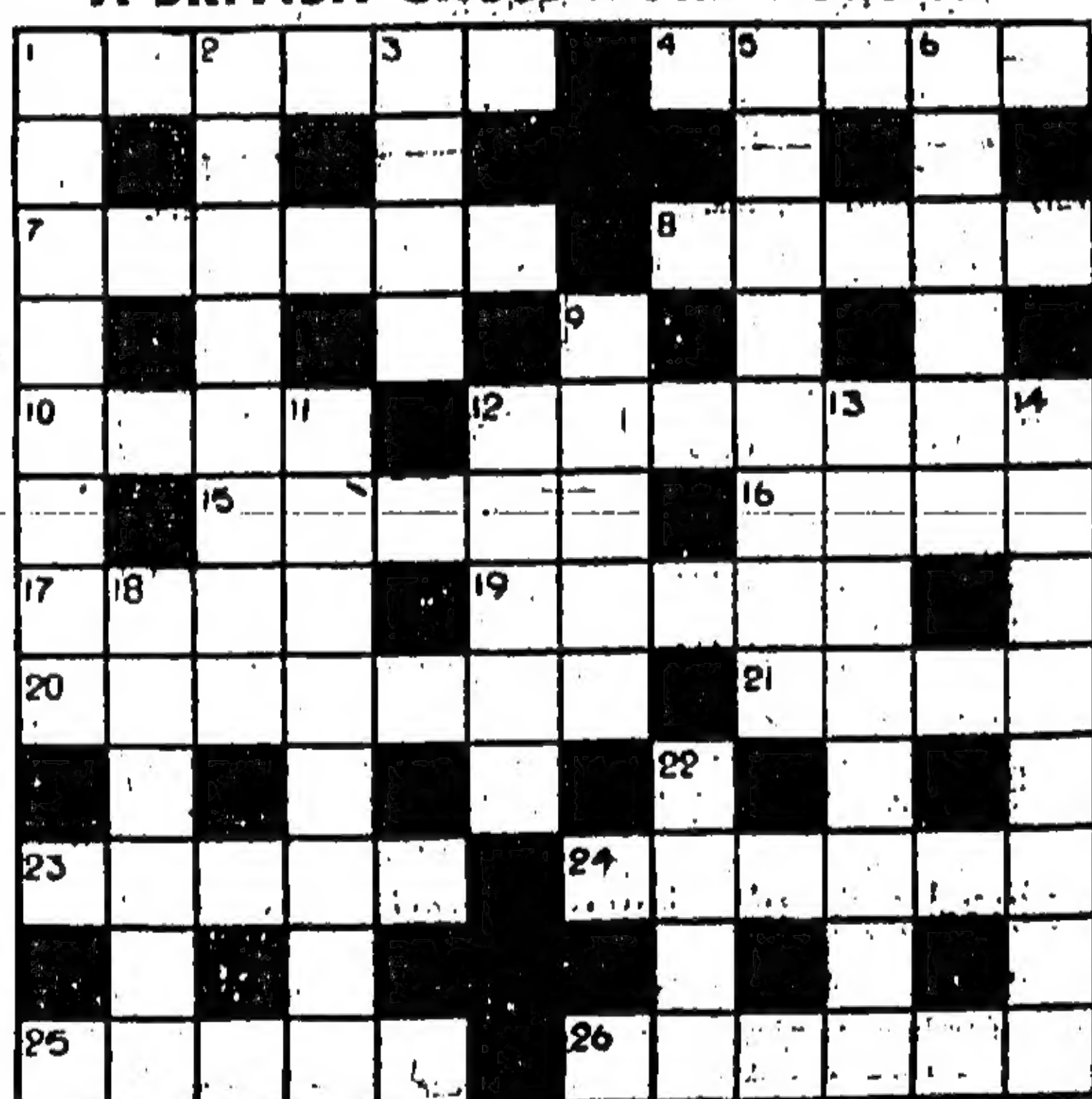
More than £7,500,000 are owed to the British and American Military Governments in Germany by Western and Central European countries for coal imports—from the Ruhr, the joint British-United States Coal Board disclosed today.

Denmark, which was stated not to have paid for her coal imports "for months", now owes approximately £3,750,000, it was stated.

Greece was stated to be five months behind with an outstanding bill of about £500,000.

Other countries were only one or two months behind the payments, it was stated, and most of the balance of the £7,500,000 outstanding bill was composed of accounts that should have been settled at the end of March. France, the Coal Board declared, is "one of the best payers so far as coal imports are concerned", with little money outstanding.—Reuter.

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Clues Across

- 1 Snatchy.
- 4 Fool.
- 7 Violent uproar.
- 8 Composition.
- 10 Stop.
- 12 Obstruction.
- 15 Felonious burning.
- 16 Language.
- 17 Decensed.
- 19 Allude.
- 20 Feared.
- 21 Oceanic movement.
- 23 Send.
- 24 Leave.
- 25 Precipitous.
- 26 Mean.

Clues Down

- 1 Keep back.
- 2 Feign.
- 3 Lubricates.
- 5 Taftful.
- 6 Speaks eloquently.
- 9 Lost strength.
- 11 Essay.
- 12 Drilled.
- 13 Vex.
- 14 Took ill.
- 15 Burning.
- 22 Cleric.
- 23 Corporeal.
- 24 Sport.
- 25 Slave.
- 26 Incurs.
- 27 Order.
- 28 Bred.
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Oil Fires Rage In Colombia

Washington, Apr. 15.

A fire was today raging among the oil refineries at Barrabermes in Colombia where a revolt broke out six days ago—according to unconfirmed reports reaching the State Department tonight from Medellin, Colombia.

Disorders were reported from Terbo, and mines at Chocó, Pacifico and Agoya Isthmina, were believed to be in rebel hands. Disturbances were also reported in Segovia, Antioquia, and in Otu.—Reuter.

CHINA FINANCE

Nanking, April 16.

The Legislative Yuan yesterday afternoon approved the issue by the Central Bank of China of an unspecified amount of short-term Treasury notes for periods of one, two and three months, bearing the face value of CN\$10 million, CN\$5 million, CN\$100 million and CN\$1,000 million.—Reuter.

Nanking Delegate's Suicide

Nanking, Apr. 16.

A 68-year-old Manchurian Assembly delegate committed suicide here late last night.

Mr. Kung Hsien-yung, delegate from Sungkian (30 miles south-west of Shanghai), was found at 8 p.m. hanging in one of the hostels reserved for National Assembly delegates.

A close friend of Mr. Kung told Reuter that the deceased had been depressed over the increasingly critical war situation in Manchuria, where Mr. Kung's family had been rendered homeless.

During the Sino-Japanese War, Mr. Kung was commander of a group of guerrillas, but he relinquished his command when Nationalist troops entered Manchuria.

He leaves a wife and two adult sons.—Reuter-AAP.

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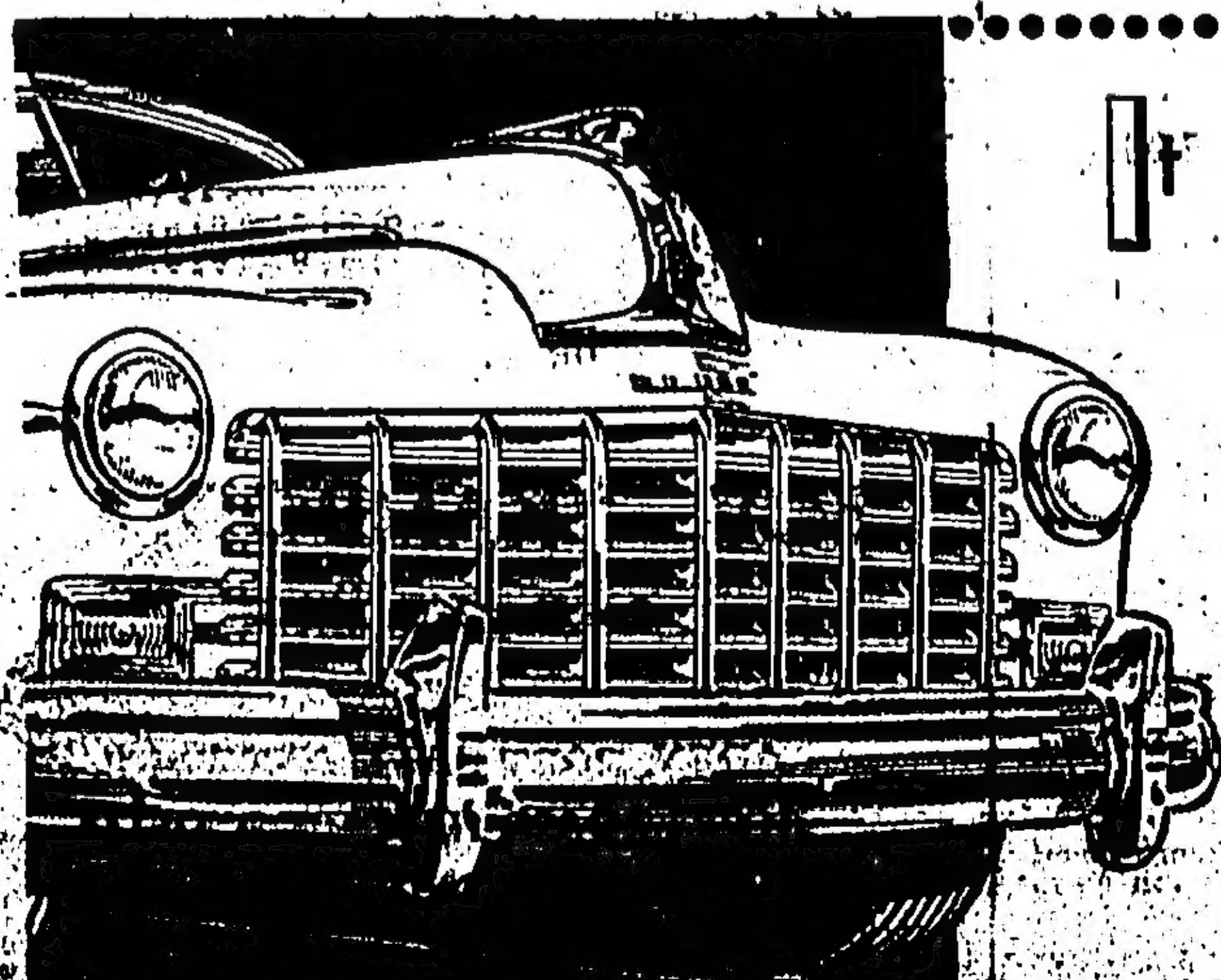
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CHINA STILL HOPEFUL
Currency Reform Statement

Nanking, Apr. 15.

The Chinese Government is still seeking to obtain lists of names of Chinese who have funds on deposit and other holdings in the United States and Britain, Finance Minister O. K. Yui told the Assembly.

Yui said that so far the two governments had refused to make the lists available. He said the Chinese Government has been informed that such action would run contrary to the traditional idea of non-interference with private property, and added that the Chinese Government is still trying.

The Kwangsi delegate, Chen Yin-hsiang, said if the Government would confiscate parts of the fortunes of T. V. Soong, H. K. Kung and other rich men, it would tide the country over the present financial crisis.

Yui replied that his Ministry could execute such an order only if stipulated by the Legislative Yuan since the ownership of property is involved. Yui added that the Government is determined to reform the currency as soon as practicable but the actual date cannot be predicted, because of

the civil war. He said that United States aid would go a long way toward the stabilization of the currency and the issuance of new currency.—United Press.

Money Market

Heavy speculation kept the price of gold constantly on the move yesterday. Opening at \$337.25 a tael it momentarily went down to \$336 before starting a steady climb to \$345.00. It then about turned and closed at \$343.75 at the 11th interval. It reopened in the afternoon at the same rate but by the time the market closed for the day the rate was down to \$339.25.

Piastres opened at \$11.30 a 100 and went down to \$10.97 1/2 at the close. Chinese National Currency opened at 9.55 cents for futures and 9.6 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000) and closed at 9.5 cents and 9.15 cents respectively. Ticals eased off further to \$27.70 a 100.

U.S. dollars took a sudden spurt to \$5.74 for notes. Sterling was unchanged at \$13.05 and Australian pounds at \$12.52.

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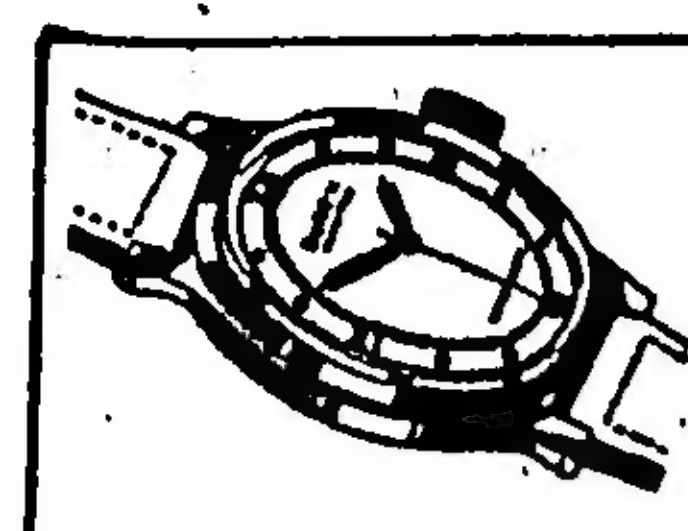
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TODAY'S RACES AT VALLEY

Ten Events Down For Decision

Racing will again form the main attraction in sporting circles this afternoon, when the Hong Kong Jockey Club hold their Fourth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley.

The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

Another ten events will be down for decision, the most important of which will be the Sandown Park Handicap. This is the fifth race on the programme, and it will be contested from The Two Mile Post Once Round & In by Class 1, Australian ponies.

This race will be ridden of a good deal of its interest due to the fact that Norse Queen has not been entered, and it will therefore be left to Fifty Alarm and Daisy Bell to battle out the finish.

Messrs. H. Maitland and E. A. Brodie will not be seen in action this afternoon as they have left the Colony.

Race No. 1, Curragh Handicap.

(First Section)—One Mile. The day's programme will open with a race confined to Australian Ponies Class 2. A perusal of the entries would seem to indicate that the following should be prominent—Wodonga (Mr. D. Black), Chesterfield (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), Pleasant Valley (Mr. S. C. Liang) and Rose Emmie (Mr. A. Ostroff). Wodonga will be taken out by Mr. Black and for winning the Tai Hang Handicap (Second Section) at the Easter meeting under Mr. Brodie over six furlongs has been penalised 8 lbs. In view of its fine form at the moment I don't think the extra poundage will stop it from winning again. However, strong opposition will come from Chesterfield and I expect it to give Wodonga a good run.

Although Pleasant Valley won a race over the Champions course at the last meeting, it will probably find the distance too short and the best it can do is to take third place, but the pony is fit and a win here is not out of the question. The race should resolve into a struggle between these three ponies, with Rose Emmie capable of creating an upset.

Race No. 2, Gatwick Stakes.

(First Section)—From the two mile post once round & in. In this first section of the race for Australian ponies Class 6, I don't think we need look beyond the following for the potential winners—Ascot Beauty (Mr. A. Ostroff), D Day (Mr. B. L. Tuo), Sider (Mr. Gregory) and Some Fun (Mr. R. K. C. Chui). Ascot Beauty came second to Jeep Shing in the Mongkok Stakes (First Section) at the last meeting, over six furlongs and it will again be ridden by Mr. Ostroff. I consider its prospects of scoring a win rather bright. Over this distance, D Day certainly looks dangerous as it lost to the above pony by half a length the last time and may cause an upset, whereas Some Fun, after its fourth placing in the Hung Hom Stakes (First Section) at the last meeting should also have a say at the finish. Sider can move fairly fast but provided it starts when the gate

is up, I think Ascot Beauty should win, with D Day second and Some Fun third.

Race No. 3, Haydock Park Handicap.

(First Section)—One Mile. This race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 5, and presents a difficult problem in selecting the likely winner. For winning the Matakok Stakes (First Section) over the mile at the last meeting, Dashing Beauty II has been promoted from Class 7. It will again be taken out by Mr. Ostroff and, as this pony is quite powerful and with the weight remaining at 147 lbs. I have a feeling that it can win. It will be seriously challenged, however, by Sino Marshall, with Mr. S. C. Liang on top. This combination was only just beaten in the first section of the Hung Hom Stakes (First Section) over the mile by Ding How after a gruelling fight at the last meeting. Tooomega (Mr. Gregory) was expected to be in a race at the last meeting, but failed. Will it do the trick today? Seafire (Mr. C. F. Ng) should also be in the running, although cannot say either of them winning. Then there is Fluke Shot (Mr. S. W. Lee). I really don't know what to say about this pony, except to look out for it, as it is liable to win a race when least expected. The pony is certainly fit.

Race No. 4, Alexandra Park Handicap.

(First Section)—Furlongs. Among the entries for this race which is confined to Australian Ponies Class 4, I like the chances of Amigo (Mr. Tuo), Fleeta (Mr. Ostroff), Queen of Hearts (Mr. F. N. K.), and Spanish Onion (Mr. H. S. Chang). Amigo won the Pokokium Handicap (Second Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting, and on that performance it was promoted to this class. As it won a race over this distance at the Third Extra Meeting with Novice Jockey Castro, up, I think it will just about do it again. Fleeta is a pony that is constantly improving, and at the last meeting it won the Hung Hom Stakes (Second Section) over the mile for Class 6 ponies. If Mr. Ostroff succeeds in getting Fleeta off quickly on the rise of the barrier it should have a good chance of winning. Queen of Hearts came second in the Shaukiwan Handicap (Second Section) from the 1½ mile post at the last meeting is another candidate capable of extending the above two ponies and should be in at the finish if given a good start. Spanish Onion was third to Queen of Hearts in the above race may do better over the longer distance.

Race No. 5, Sandown Park Handicap.

From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In. This race will witness the return encounter between Fifty Alarm (Mr. Ostroff) and Daisy Bell (Mr. Needa) in the absence of Norse Queen. On the last occasion they met Fifth

Selections By "Rapier"

Race No. 1.

Wodonga
Chesterfield
Pleasant Valley
Outsider: Rose Emmie.

Race No. 2.

Ascot Beauty
D Day
Some Fun
Outsider: Sider.

Race No. 3.

Dashing Beauty II
Sino Marshall
Seafire
Outsider: Tooomega Boy.

Race No. 4.

Amigo
Fleeta
Queen of Hearts
Outsider: Spanish Onion.

Race No. 5.

Daisy Bell
Fifty Alarm
Cooper
Outsider: Meteor.

Race No. 6.

Sookunpots
Lily
V-J Day
Outsider: Fort Knox.

Race No. 7.

Trade Wind
Strathnamara
Tootsie
Outsider: Airfield.

Race No. 8.

Empress of Peace
Two Bid
V-J Day
Outsider: Diamondfield.

Race No. 9.

Lucky Kid
Care Free
Chief Pilot
Outsider: Portobello.

Race No. 10.

Jeep Shing
Arabian Moon
Outsider: Masterpiece.

Alarm had the better of Daisy Bell for the second position by ½ lengths, and received an advantage of 4 lbs. due to overweight of Mr. Needa, the jockey.

This afternoon they will be running on equal terms and on that account I think Daisy Bell will just about do it, to reverse the previous result. A good struggle should ensue between Cooper (Mr. Black) and Meteor (Mr. Wong Yan) for the third position.

Race No. 6, Curragh Handicap.

(Second Section)—One Mile. The second batch of Class 2, Australian ponies will participate and we shall see a grand contest with probably a thrilling finish. Looking over the entries entered I don't think I shall be far wrong in saying that the winner will come from one of the following:—Lily (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), Sookunpots (Mr. H. S. Chang), V-J Day (Mr. Needa), Fort Knox (Mr. Black) and Dominion Day (Mr. Shieh). Lily won the Tai Hang Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting and has been penalised by 7 lbs. I don't really expect that the additional poundage will hinder its chances of winning. Sookunpots and V-J Day are strong ponies and they have done well before over this distance and should have a say at the finish. Fort Knox and Dominion Day are carrying 148 lbs. and they may quite conceivably cause an upset.

Race No. 7, Haydock Park Handicap.

(Second Section)—One Mile. This event will be contested by the second lot of Class 5, Australian ponies. For its win at the last meeting, Mimi Beauty (Mr. Tuo) has been penalised by 10 lbs. and on that account I am not pinning much reliance on Mimi Beauty to win. Strathnamara (Mr. Ostroff) was second to Amigo at the last meeting and is up by 5 lbs. is a decided danger, and has a good chance of winning here. Trade Wind (Mr. Y. K. Tu) despite its poor performance at the last meeting when it ran unplaced should not be disregarded as I still believe it is the best bet. Tootsie (Mr. Peter Young) was second to Mimi Beauty at the last meeting and should give a good account of itself. The pony to watch, however, is Airfield (Mr. R.K.C. Chui) which has been steadily improving and I expect it to give a good fight against the above-mentioned ponies if it does not actually win.

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Golf Ball Decision

London, Apr. 15.

Britain's ball-short golfers were suddenly happy today as the King's Bench observed that he saw nothing wrong in pocketing unchaperoned golf balls.

His two colleagues remained silent as the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, dealt this blow to golfers' effort to have the practice of picking up stray golf balls placed definitely outside the law.

The King's Bench was hearing an appeal by Harold Sibbert, who was fined £2 last year after being apprehended on Reddish Vale Golf Club with a pocketful of lost balls in his possession. A lower court found it lenient.

Defence counsel and the prosecution were reading a record of cases going back to 1773 when Lord Goddard broke in and said: "If I picked up a golf ball while walking across the common and out it in my pocket, I should not think I had been guilty of larceny."

Tactical counsel remarked: "One's reaction to golf balls may depend very largely on whether one is a golfer."

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Li Yan (22), odd job watchman, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with Li Yung (22), Li Ngau (27), Lo Yan (36) and Ho Ying (28) with demanding money and property with menaces.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts all defendants were remanded for three days in custody.

Accused are alleged to have demanded, by threatening letter on March 25, the sum of \$50,000, six Sten guns and 12 automatic pistols from Li Cheung-wan, and to have demanded, with menaces, the sum of \$10,000 from the same man between March 25 and April 8.

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Wong Hung—Attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm.

Leung Wing and Leung Nam—Assault with intent to rob and attempt to rob; murder.

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Chiu Nuen—Wounding with intent. Neal Wan-sang and Chung Kwai—Demanding money with menaces; causing explosion likely to endanger property; conspiracy to cause an explosion likely to endanger life and possession of explosive substance.

Mak Keng-wo—Wounding with intent. Lai Chiu—Criminal knowledge of a girl under the age of 18 years.

Li Yu, Li Chi-wing, Chan Mo, Lam Tak and Tong Shan—Attempted robbery by two or more; conspiracy to rob and possession of arms and ammunition.

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Wai-Robbery by two or more; armed robbery; attempted murder; attempt to discharge a loaded firearm with intent to rob and possession of arms and ammunition.

Chiu Nuen—Wounding with intent. Neal Wan-sang and Chung Kwai—Demanding money with menaces; causing explosion likely to endanger property; conspiracy to cause an explosion likely to endanger life and possession of explosive substance.

Mak Keng-wo—Wounding with intent. Lai Chiu—Criminal knowledge of a girl under the age of 18 years.

Li Yu, Li Chi-wing, Chan Mo, Lam Tak and Tong Shan—Attempted robbery by two or more; conspiracy to rob and possession of arms and ammunition.

Lau Hoi alias Lau Yuen-hoi, Ho Cheuk-kui, Li Chung-chun alias Li Chik-sang—Murder.

Hoi Hoi alias Lau Yuen-hoi, Ho Cheuk-kui, Li Chung-chun alias Li Chik-sang—Armed robbery.

Li Yung (22), Li Ngau (27), Lo Yan (36) and Ho Ying (28) with demanding money and property with menaces.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts all defendants were remanded for three days in custody.

Accused are alleged to have demanded, by threatening letter on March 25, the sum of \$50,000, six Sten guns and 12 automatic pistols from Li Cheung-wan, and to have demanded, with menaces, the sum of \$10,000 from the same man between March 25 and April 8.

With the exception of first defendant, accused are further charged with demanding, by threatening letter on March 31, \$10,000 and 12 automatic pistols from Pang Tung-hoi.

The April Criminal Sessions will open at the Supreme Court on Monday, at 10 a.m. when pleas in 26 cases will be taken by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

The following is a list of the cases:

Cheng Kwong-chung alias Chung Cheung alias Chan Kwok-leung; Chung Wah alias Wong Wah; Cheng Tak alias Cheng Tak; Chung Kam-al alias Chung Lok-al alias Chan Lam; Chan Yau Wong Yuen-chai alias Yu Shing alias Wong Shing alias Ho Nam; Chung Kam alias Chung Yau; Li Chung-wood alias Lau Seng-ant alias Lau Chung-heung alias Low So-ant; Yuen Man-chi alias Cheng Man-chi alias Yuen Man-chi alias Min Tui-tai (Breach of Deportation Order).

Tsang Kwong—Wounding with intent to murder; conspiracy to effect a public mischief.

Wong Yiu-wing, Li Chung-wood alias Lau Seng-ant alias Lau Chung-heung; conspiracy to effect a public mischief; attempted uttering of forged bank-notes; possession of forged bank-notes; conspiracy to utter forged bank-notes; uttering of forged bank-notes; possession of forged bank-notes and misapplication of money.

Wong Hung—Attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm.

Leung Wing and Leung Nam—Assault with intent to rob and attempt to rob; murder.

WEEK-END BALL GAMES

Men's And Ladies' Shipping Intelligence

(By "GRANDSTAND")

International rivalry will reach its peak tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m. on the Recreo Softball Diamond as an optimistic Indian outfit take on Tony "Peewee" Alves' powerful Portuguese nine in the final play-off of the current international series.

Portugal qualified for the finals when they nosed out the British Lions by the slimmest of margins after a 12-inning marathon tussle, while India eliminated China a fortnight ago under the most spectacular circumstances by snatching an eleventh hour verdict with a big inning in the sixth which turned the tables completely. When these two teams meet, it will be a grand show which no one should miss.

Year after year the Portuguese have started out in the tournament with confidence, but when they met India at some stage or other, they have always found Dame Fortune looking the other way as the Indians hung their sign over them, but it seems this year they may have more than a faint hope behind him.

In this, the strongest bid for the title made by the Lusitanians, Tony will have that starry hurler Joey Franco, who rocketed into the limelight after his memorable mound performance over the now league champion Saints, with Dicky Alves working behind the platter.

The Cream This deadly battery will be supported by an infield comprising the cream of the local talent, with Wilfred Lawrence at first base, Art Orazio at second, Spiky Gutierrez left of the key-stone and Billy Soares at the far turn. In selecting this gardening trio, mentor Alves has obviously taken into consideration the fact that out-fielders are also expected to produce runs in addition to pulling down flies for Gerry Gosano, Charlie Quinn and Rennie Sequeira, three of the league's leading sluggers, are down for the pasture patrol. For some weeks past, a "this is our year" chant has been rising in crescendo over King's Park, which will culminate into a lusty roar from the throats of the flock of Portuguese fans as umpire Hal Wingless calls "Play Ball."

India has been twice winners of the Series, and in spite of the pre-series snub from those in the know, putting up a brilliant fight against China, a struggle which was almost "a lost cause" as the Indians were without a pitcher who has ever been tried in the school of diamond experience, and their victory reflects credit on their "never say die" spirit.

Coach Sen, Munshi and brains-tormer Hank "Hill-billy" Moosden will be placing their hopes on Sherry Bucks to pull them through this year, to succeed Great Britain as holders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Shield—emblematic of International supremacy.

Where is it, however, some mystery surrounding Sherry Bucks, as it is still not quite certain whether he will be available or not. Much depends on this, as without Sherry, the last of the string of Indian hurriers, India will stand as much chance as a celluloid doll in a fire.

In Sabu Samy, the Indians have a hind-smatcher who is alert to every play and usually calls the pitches correctly.

Arranged against the Portuguese will be an infield comprising Lally Ahwang Bakar, Romeo Hamel, Capone Rumbun and Benny Omar. All of them are holding positions familiar with them, except Romeo Hamel who is normally a first-sacker. Jindoo Hussain who was away from the Colony in the semi-finals will be seen again in the left pasture, with junior leaguers Tiger Hussain and Khan for company. The Indians are the only ones with minor loop players, in their International line-up. If Portugal should win, it will be expected, but if India should upset all the dopesters, they will have deserved a well-earned victory. May the best side come out on top.

As an appetizer to the International main bout, fans will be treated to a novel exhibition this week as two midget squads face each other at 2 p.m. to settle a long outstanding dispute. Just as every grown-up has his "school" days, every youngster is a hero-worshiper, and following on the pennant victory of last week, one outfit have styled themselves the Junior Saints, while the other band of potential supermen will be playing under the name of the Black Hawks. This rare exhibition has been arranged by Rover hind-smatcher Ricardo Ribeiro through the Association, so let's go out and give them a hand.

Distances will be the same as for ladies, that is, 50 feet between bases, with a distance of 35 feet from the pitcher's box to home.

Lily Noronha, captaining the Saints, will be backed by J. da Luz, Terry Thompson, Ed Franco, F. Rumbun, Edmundo Xavier, while Black Hawk mentor Ricardo Ribeiro will call upon Joey Grace, Al "Hawk-eye" Souza, Robbie Nunes, Antonio Gutierrez, Manuel Gutierrez, Berni Silva, Eric Remedios, Ed Xavier and Manuel "Mighty Atom" Nunes. Man Ray's Remedios and 'Bolas' Remedios will be utilities.

The ladies' match will be mainly from the Maple Leaf contingent, with Alice Mar on the mound. We have it on the grape-vine that Alice Mar, Betty Li and Goolie Yu will represent Kwangtung in the forthcoming Chinese National Meet at Shanghai during May.

Programme for week-end and Umpire Roster—

MEN'S A DIVISION
C.B.A. Ground—Sunday
10.00 a.m.—Black Hawks v. Police (R. Castro, V. Dista, J. Habida).

LADIES' LEAGUE
C.B.A. Ground—Sunday
11.15 a.m.—Black Hawks v. Canadians (Dus Mother, G. Rosario, Jack Brown).

LADIES' INTERNATIONAL SEMI-FINAL
C.B.A. Ground—Sunday
2.00 p.m.—China v. Great Britain (D. Robbins, A. Campion, C. Rosario).

EXHIBITION GAMES
Recreo Softball Diamond
2.00 p.m.—Black Hawks v. Junior Saints (Phil Remedios and Lionel Sequeira).

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL FINAL
Recreo Softball Diamond
3.00 p.m.—India v. Portugal (Hal Wingless, D. Robbins, Stan Leonard).